



# Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire Names President, Clinical Excellence Director

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CONCORD, N.H., March 29, 2018 – Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire, the parent company of LifeLine Ambulance Service and Stewart's Ambulance Service, announced today it has named as its new President Jonathan M. Kulis, LifeLine's former chief operating officer.

A veteran of more than 25 years in the EMS and medical transportation field, Mr. Kulis will be based in a New Hampshire headquarters Transformative is currently finalizing. Also promoted to a senior leadership role at Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire is new Director of Clinical Excellence Stacy Meier, who has been Stewart's executive director since 2009.

Transformative Healthcare CEO Sean Tyler said: "Our company is committed to delivering excellent service and outcomes for the patients we serve throughout New Hampshire and applying intelligent data analytics that lower costs and inefficiencies and improve how both patients and data move through our healthcare system. Jon, Stacy, and our Chairman Justin Van Etten comprise an extraordinarily effective leadership team with deep knowledge of New Hampshire to ensure Transformative delivers on our vision and keeps care local."

Transformative's operating subsidiaries have served New Hampshire for more than 35 years and are the single largest provider of ambulance services in the state. Combined, their staff of 187 operate a fleet of 39 ambulances, chair cars, and other vehicles from eight locations throughout New Hampshire. Transformative serves eight hospitals

throughout the state—Concord, Exeter, Franklin Memorial, HealthSouth Rehabilitation, Huggins, Lakes Region General, Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, and Speare Memorial—and 22 skilled nursing facilities as well.

Through Stewart's, Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire also provides primary 911 service to six towns: Center Harbor, Meredith, Moultonborough, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro. Transformative is actively working to expand its services throughout New Hampshire.

Mr. Kulis said: "Particularly as hospitals throughout New Hampshire cope with the financial pressures and consolidations associated with federal healthcare reimbursement levels, Transformative is eager to become an ever-stronger partner of local governments, hospitals, and skilled nursing facilities to control costs and improve service delivery and outcomes."

Mr. Van Etten, who served as Chairman of Stewart's from 2007 until being named chairman of Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire earlier this winter, said: "We are thrilled to have Jon leading our team. From our three years of working closely together on EMS and medical transportation issues and with his deep experience in the industry, I know Jon will be a tremendous resource for everyone at LifeLine, Stewart's, and the EMS community throughout New Hampshire."

Commenting on the appointments of Mr. Kulis and Ms. Meier, Mark Hastings, EMS Coordinator at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center, said: "Our collaboration with LifeLine has been a win for both organizations and ultimately our patients. As we grow, LifeLine adjusts their services to meet the needs of our patients."

Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire's leaders have long records of civic leadership. Mr. Van Etten has served on the board of Advocates for New Hampshire Patients, as executive director of the New Hampshire Ambulance Association, and on a New Hampshire Narcan study commission charged with evaluating how best to use overdose-management treatments to respond to the state's opioid-abuse crisis.

Ms. Meier has served for seven years on the New Hampshire Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board, most recently as vice chairman, and for five years as the Tactical Medic for the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit.

Transformative's operating subsidiaries, LifeLine and Stewart's, have been major participants in providing quality patient care to residents and visitors in New Hampshire. Each service specializes in providing medical transportation to high-acuity patients using the latest technology. Stewart's, in partnership with LRGHealthcare and Concord Hospital, has participated in the REACT program (Regional Early Activation Care Team), which has led to heart-attack patients in Central New Hampshire and the Lakes Region surviving at rates dramatically higher than the national average. Through this program, patients experiencing ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), the most life-threatening type of heart attack, are immediately directed to Concord Hospital's 24-hour cardiac catheterization unit to have blood flow restored.

"For patients experiencing severe health events like a STEMI, every single minute matters and can mean the difference between life and death," Ms. Meier said. "We have been so proud and honored to be part of the REACT effort and help ensure that dozens of our New Hampshire neighbors who've experienced STEMI events are alive and healthy today. It represents the dedication to clinical excellence everyone at Transformative Healthcare New Hampshire is committed to."

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