WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE KENT CARR, M.D., has agreed to return to Mercy to serve as interim chief physician executive and president of Mercy Clinics. He will begin in this role Jan. 9, and he replaces Dr. Wael Haidar, who is leaving to accept a position at Bon Secours Health System based in Maryland.

From 2002 to 2008, Dr. Carr served as president and CEO of Mercy Clinics and as a senior vice-president of Mercy - Des Moines. While here, Dr. Carr led Mercy Clinics through a period of substantial growth. He also led improvements in financial performance and a restructuring of the Mercy Clinics Board and committees to increase physician participation in clinic governance and operations. During that time the clinics also transitioned to a focus on prevention and proactive management of chronic disease, culminating in the receipt of the Acclaim Award, a national recognition for quality in physician clinics.

Dr. Carr left Mercy in 2008 to accept the position of Senior Vice President of Physician Services with Lancaster General Health, Lancaster, Pa. In 2011 he rejoined Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), serving in the East/Southeast Division, in Hunt Valley, Md., and later, in the corporate offices in Englewood, Colo. Since his return to CHI, Dr. Carr served in several key roles with the East/Southeast Division, the CHI Integration Team and the national office. Most recently he served as chief clinical officer for the CHI employed providers and national physician vice president of the physician enterprise.

Dr. Carr is a graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina and the East Carolina University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at The Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Carr has received his master’s degree in medical management (MMM) from Carnegie Mellon University and is a Certified Physician Executive (CPE) by the American Association of Physician Leadership. Dr. Carr brings 20 years of experience in medical group leadership in various settings. He and his wife Beverly have three grown children.

The position of Mercy Clinics president is being filled on an interim basis because Mercy Health Network currently has a team of physicians and other leaders from throughout MHN discussing the future structures of physician enterprises system-wide. MHN leadership believes the team needs to complete its recommendations, and final decisions regarding structures and leadership need to be made by the MHN Board before recruitment of a permanent physician leader should be undertaken.

Please join us in welcoming back Dr. Carr.

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FIRST BABY OF THE NEW YEAR
Quinn Beatrice Becker was the first baby born at Mercy in 2017. She arrived at 4:48 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Her parents are Shannon and Jim Becker. Shannon is a nurse practitioner at Mercy Pediatric Neurology and Psychiatry Center. Quinn is the first child for the Beckers. Congratulations!
NEW MERCY LIVEUP RECOGNITION PROGRAM GOING LIVE JAN. 9.

A NEW WAY TO RECOGNIZE COLLEAGUES for their positive contributions to Mercy has arrived. The Mercy LiveUp Recognition program website will go live on Monday, Jan. 9. This electronic platform will allow you to recognize colleagues for Living Up from any device.

Simply visit http://mercydsmliveup.isrewards.com or access the website through shortcuts on the Mercy website and MercyNet.

To log in for the first time, you will need to enter your username (Lawson #) and password “Mercy” for your initial sign-in. You will be asked to set a new password after the initial sign-in. If you need assistance logging into the site, you can contact Customer Service at (800) 875-8284 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT.

To help you navigate the website, a job aid and PowerPoint slides will be available.

The new recognition website allows you to recognize good work by other colleagues and gives you the opportunity to be recognized for your own good work. It will also allow you to view, “Like” and comment on other colleague’s recognition. Each month, all colleagues recognized will be entered into a sweepstakes, where 10 winners will be drawn and awarded points to redeem for merchandise on the recognition program’s website.