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About Bellin and Gundersen Health System

Formed in December 2022, Bellin and Gundersen Health System is a not-for-profit, patient-centered, community-focused healthcare network with headquarters in Green Bay and La Crosse, Wisconsin. Bellin and Gundersen has nearly 15,000 employees, including more than 1,000 clinicians, in 11 hospitals and more than 100 clinic locations in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Upper Michigan, and Iowa. With community partners, Bellin and Gundersen strives to lead local, regional and national healthcare transformation to enrich individuals for their healthiest lives at every stage. Learn more at bellin.org and gundersenhealth.org.

Chris Woleske, J.D., FACHE is the Executive Vice President of Bellin and Gundersen Health System and the Bellin Region President. She joined Bellin in 1998 and served in many leadership roles including general counsel, executive vice president leading hospital services, and ultimately chief operating officer prior to her appointment as the president and chief executive officer of Bellin Health in 2018. In 2022, when Bellin Health and Gundersen Health System merged, she took on her current role.

As a member of the executive leadership team, she has led strategic planning and operational execution of key initiatives. Ms. Woleske participated in the strategic growth of Bellin Health from a hospital centered healthcare system to an integrated healthcare delivery system that includes primary care, specialty care, acute care and ambulatory care. In her role as CEO of Bellin Health, Ms. Woleske led the organization in a transformative journey from a health system, to a population health organization, participating in risk sharing arrangements to achieve better health outcomes, healthier populations, and more affordable healthcare.

Before joining Bellin Health, Ms. Woleske practiced law at Liebmann, Conway, Olejniczak and Jerry in Green Bay, Wisconsin and was an owner and manager of a small family business.

Ms. Woleske is active in the community and has served on many boards and committees. She has been honored for her leadership and commitment to the community and is a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Athena Award (2017), the Wisconsin Chapter of the Harvard Business School Leader of the Year Award (2021), the Nancy Armbrust Impact Award (2021), Marquette Law Alumna of the Year Award (2022), Green Bay Rotary Free Enterprise Award (2022) and the Wisconsin Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award (2023). Ms. Woleske is currently a member of the Boards of Directors of the Green Bay Packers, Krueger International, Inc. and Wisconsin Hospital Association, and is a member of the Marquette University Board of Trustees.

A graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business Executive Program, Ms. Woleske earned her Doctor of Law (J.D.) from Marquette University Law School and has a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration from UW-Eau Claire. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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