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Board Chair intends to announce successor to John Tobin this fall.

WATERBURY – Fred Luedke, Chairman of the Greater Waterbury Health Network Board, today announced that the Health Network Board voted last week to form a CEO Search Committee that will include Luedke, as well as Board members Joel Becker, John Michaels, Carl Contadini, David Pizzuto, M.D., and Chief-of-Staff-Elect, Carl Sherter, MD.

David Griffin, Chairman of the Waterbury Hospital Board of Trustees, will chair the Search Committee. He noted that the Network Board authorized him to execute an engagement letter with *Phillips DiPisa*, a national health care executive search firm located in Boston, to act as CEO search consultants.

“We have officially engaged *Phillips DiPisa* to begin the process of seeking candidates to fill the CEO vacancy left by John Tobin’s impending retirement,” said Griffin. “We will be working directly with Ralph DiPisa, a principal in the firm. We have every confidence in their ability to conduct a comprehensive, national search to identify highly qualified individuals to fill this role.” He said the Search Committee hopes to announce a CEO selection by this fall.

Griffin indicated that he and the other members of the committee are currently engaged in taking the necessary steps to identify and appoint appropriate individuals to serve on the search committee. “There will be additions to the committee in the next couple of weeks as we identify persons who might serve, and determine whether they are available and willing to make the commitment to this process,” said Griffin. “We intend to conduct a comprehensive and inclusive process that seeks meaningful input from a variety of constituencies of the hospital and the Greater Waterbury community.” He concluded, “We are tentatively scheduled to have our first full committee meeting in early June, so rounding out the balance of the committee members will happen quickly.”

Waterbury Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer John Tobin announced his plans to retire on December 31, 2010. Tobin has been employed by the hospital since 1975 in various administrative positions including COO, before being named CEO in 1986. Tobin made the Board Chairs of both the Network and the Hospital aware of his plans earlier this spring.

Waterbury Hospital is the largest private employer in the Greater Waterbury region, and serves a vital role in the economic vitality of Western Connecticut. It is a private, non-profit acute care teaching hospital licensed for 367 beds and affiliated with the Yale School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Founded in 1890 as Waterbury’s first and Connecticut’s fourth hospital, Waterbury Hospital is a full-service community health-care institution with centers of excellence in primary care, cardiac services, behavioral health and orthopaedics.