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MARIE C. O'BRIEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE BRISTOL HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BRISTOL, Conn.—Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group has announced that Marie C. O'Brien has been elected the chairman of the hospital's Board of Directors. O'Brien—a resident of Bristol—is replacing outgoing chairman Nancy Blanchette.

“Marie’s priority is to ensure that the highest quality of care is provided to every patient. Having experienced her leadership in heading the hospital’s patient safety and quality improvement committee, we are excited to have her chair our board,” said Kurt Barwis, FACHE, president and chief executive officer of Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group.

O'Brien is currently the president and chief executive officer of the Connecticut Development Authority, the state’s quasi-public agency responsible for providing financing and economic development programs. She previously held executive positions at United Technologies Corporation.



O'Brien received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Connecticut. She currently is a member of several professional and community organizations including the Connecticut Hospital Association’s Patient Safety Committee; the Connecticut Science Center’s Board of Trustees and the *CT FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)* Advisory Board.

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Founded in 1921, Bristol Hospital is committed to providing the best patient experience in the region and enhancing the well being of the Greater Bristol community. Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group is an integrated health care delivery system with a full continuum of care, including a 134-bed acute care hospital, skilled nursing facility, multi-specialty physician practice, home health care and hospice program, physical therapy and wound care center, counseling and wellness centers, and an emergency response company. For more information on Bristol Hospital, visit www.bristolhospital.org,