

Hospital Publication Recognizes Lingerfelt Among 50 to Know

Chicago – *Becker's Hospital Review* is pleased to release the 2016 edition of its "50 Critical Access Hospital CEOs to Know" list. The presidents, CEOs, administrators and other executives on this list lead the hospitals featured on *Becker's "50 Critical Access Hospitals to Know | 2016"* list. Under their guidance, their hospitals have been recognized nationally for their quality care and patient satisfaction.

Hammond-Henry Hospital's CEO Jeff Lingerfelt is one among the group of 50 critical access hospital CEOs from across the country who has been recognized for commitment to health care.



Lingerfelt was one of two hospital CEOs in Illinois to be named to the list. In response to the recognition, Lingerfelt stated, "An elderly man once told me that if I saw a turtle on a fencepost it didn't get there by itself, someone put it there. At Hammond-Henry Hospital I'm blessed to work with an outstanding team of physicians, professionals and support staff that are committed to being the best. We live in a community that values and supports the hospitals' mission. Those are the factors that made this recognition possible. It is an honor to receive the recognition but I know in my heart that it should go to the staff and the community."

According to *Becker's Hospital Review*, leaders on the list were selected for awards they have received, membership or involvement in prominent local, state or national organizations, recent accomplishments in their communities, and recent performance of their organizations. The *Becker's* team examined rankings and awards from several respected organizations, include iVantage Health Analytics, Healthgrades, the National Rural Health Association, Truven Health Analytics, Women's Choice Award and the Leapfrog Group.

Lingerfelt has been CEO at Hammond-Henry since November 2015. Lingerfelt previously served as the CEO at Heart of America Medical Center, Rugby, ND for six years. He was recognized as "Outstanding Healthcare Professional of the Year 2015" by the Center for Rural Health administered through the University of North Dakota. Jeff is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Lingerfelt is active in the community and is a member of the Geneseo Rotary Club.

To view the full list, go to <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/lists/50-critical-access-hospital-ceos-to-know-2016.html>.