

CEO Report

Dr. Erik Mikaitis, CEO

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New Hires and Promotions



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Congratulations

New Hires

Joseph Kapenas, Director of Quality, Regulatory Affairs and Accreditation, Quality & Patient Safety

Omar Hafeez, Data Manager, Health Plan Clinical Services

Catherine Simonek, Nurse Coordinator II, Burn ICU

Ricky Hem, Clinical Operations Nurse Supervisor, Medical Surgical

Please note: Due to an update in the schedule to submit materials for Board meetings, this reflects only a partial month of orientation sessions. A full month of information will be included in the January report.

Congratulations

Promotions

LaTonya Davney, Manager Of Operations, Regional Outpatient Center – Blue Island

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Recognition & Announcements



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Provident Hospital Named Top General Hospital for 2024 by Leapfrog Group



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Provident has been named one of The Leapfrog Group's 2024 Top Hospitals.

The Leapfrog Top Hospital award is widely acknowledged as one of the most competitive honors U.S. hospitals and surgery centers can earn in safety and quality.

Provident is one of 134 hospitals across the country to be recognized this year.

This is a tremendous testament to the work being done by the Provident team!



Provident Hospital

Observation Unit at Provident Hospital

CCH is proud to announce the opening of an 11-bed observation unit at Provident Hospital.

The new unit will enhance patients' healing, optimize the use of hospital resources, and represents just one of the many investments being made to our services on the South Side.



Doula Program to Launch in 2025

On December 3, CCH held a press conference with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Donna Miller and Commissioner Bridget Degnen, to celebrate the doula program being established at Stroger Hospital.

Doulas are non-clinical support professionals, trained to empower and support birthing parents at all stages of pregnancy, through delivery, and in the postpartum period.

CCH plans to welcome 10 doulas to the hospital in early 2025.



EMT Apprenticeship Graduation

CCH was joined by Cook County Government leaders, and representatives from Superior Ambulance and JumpHire to celebrate the first cohort of graduates from CCH's EMT Apprenticeship Program on December 12.

The program, funded through U.S. Department of Labor dollars secured by Senator Dick Durbin, is a 15-week collaborative internship with paid on-the-job training that prepares participants for EMS employment opportunities.

17 apprentices graduated from the program. Those who pass their licensure exam will be hired by Superior Ambulance.



Thank You!



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