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Gulf States Health Services Announces Corporate Realignments & Position Additions

Baton Rouge, La—November 17, 2005 – Gulf States Health Services is proud to announce the following corporate realignments and system position additions.

Michael Rabalais, Administrator of St. Anne Rehabilitation Hospital, will assume the position of **Vice President of Operations, Long Term Acute Care Services** in addition to his current duties. Once the Houma LTAH facility opens, Michael will transition out of day to day management of St. Anne and focus exclusively on this new corporate role. Mr. Rabalais, brings proven leadership and clinical expertise to this new position, setting an impressive benchmark to achieve company wide. All day-to-day LTCH hospital operations management will report directly to Mr. Rabalais.

Wendy Knight, Director of Business Development and Physician Services, will assume the expanded role as **Vice President, Strategy and System Integration**. In addition to her current role, Wendy has been chosen as the corporate officer to guide our organization through system-wide organizational integration and standardization. Marketing, Business Development and Corporate Imaging, Physician Services, Commercial Contracting, UM, Centralized Case Management and Intake, along with system integration initiatives will be Ms. Knight's area of focus. Ms. Knight holds an MHA from Tulane University.

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Cheryl P. Woods, *Vice President, Clinical Services*. Ms. Woods joined Gulf States in 2001 as system chief nursing officer prior to advancing to the CCO position in the summer of 2002 with responsibility for total patient care delivery. Her new area of concentration will be on development of clinical practice standards, resource management, staff and family education, product review and system policy and procedure standardization.

Ms. Woods holds an Associates Degree in Nursing from Pensacola Junior College, a BSN from University of Phoenix and currently in completing her MSN from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Cyrellia Bonds, *Vice President, Quality and Risk Management*. Ms. Bonds' realigned position will focus on performance improvement, risk management, regulatory compliance and survey readiness, system accreditation, organizational standards compliance, employee health, infection control, customer service, and governing board and medical staff bylaw management. Ms. Bonds holds a BA in History from Dominican College, a Diploma in Nursing from Touro Infirmary, a BS in Geography from the University of New Orleans and a BS in Allied Health from Our Lady of Holy Cross College all in New Orleans. In addition she holds advanced training as a legal nurse consultant.

System hospital surveyor, infection control and employee health coordinators will report directly to Ms. Bonds.

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Tammy Ursin, *System Licensure and Certification Coordinator*. Ms. Ursin joined the Gulf States corporate team as executive assistant to the President. Prior to her position with GSHS, Tammy served as a paralegal specializing in corporate law with Baker & Hostetler, LLP and Wooten, Honeywell & Kest., P.A. of Orlando, Florida. Ms. Ursin's previous healthcare experience centered on Quality and Risk Management, specializing in data analysis and trending for a 182 bed acute care hospital.

In this new role, Ms. Ursin will focus on all system licensure and annual re-licensure, vendor contracting maintenance, legal liaison with counsel on matters relating to the Medicare conditions of participation, pre-opening operations support for construction and equipment procurement. Additionally, corporate reception will report to Ms. Ursin, overseeing daily productivity, census tabulation, and quarterly Governing Board minute recordation.

Leslye Davis-Smith, *Hospital Surveyor*. Ms. Davis-Smith joins Gulf States Health Services in the role of Hospital Review and Survey Readiness Coordinator. Leslye has a BSN from the University of Alabama at Huntsville and is completing her MSN in Advanced Gerontological/Diabetes Specialty from the University of South Alabama. Additionally, Ms. Smith is certified as a medical certification specialist for CMS.

Immediately before joining Gulf States, Ms. Davis-Smith held the position of Healthcare Regulatory Consultant for New Orleans Allied Health, Inc, performing Medicare and Medicaid vulnerability reviews. In addition, her previous position highlights included, UR specialist for

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Lindy Boggs Medical Center, New Orleans; Risk Management Representative for LAMMICO, Metairie; Medical Certification Specialist for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Mandeville field office, and advancing clinical leadership positions early in her career.

Ms. Davis-Smith will report directly to Ms. Bonds and work throughout the GSHS system with oversight to ensure a vigilant state of survey readiness.

Gulf States Health Services Inc. has been in business since 2001, and is a leading provider of rehabilitation and long-term acute care in the gulf south region. Gulf States Health Services is a community-based network of rehabilitation hospitals, with facilities in 10 locations around the state. For more information visit www.gulfstateshs.com

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