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UHHS EXECUTIVE RECEIVES HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT RECOGNITION

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JACKSON, Miss. – David Putt, chief executive officer of University Hospitals and Health System, received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Regent's Award for exemplary health care management and mentorship.

Putt accepted the award June 11 at the Mississippi Hospital Association's 79<sup>th</sup> Leadership Meeting in Point Clear, Ala. The Regent's Award recognizes ACHE affiliates who are experienced in the field and have contributed significantly to the advancement of health care management excellence.

"Having received this award and being recognized for my leadership and mentorship of other health care leaders means a great deal to me. It also means that the institution is being recognized for what we do together as a team," he said.

A retired naval officer, Putt joined University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1995. He earned a certificate as a radiologic technologist, an associate degree at George Washington University, a B.S. at the State University of New York and a master's in public administration, health services management, at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

Putt served as chief operating officer of UHHS beginning July 2006 and was appointed interim CEO in August 2008. He was named to the position permanently in February 2010.

To qualify for the award, ACHE affiliates are evaluated on several criteria, including innovative and creative management, executive capability in developing their own organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community, contributions to the development of others in the health care profession, leadership in local, state, or provincial hospital and health association activities, and participation in civic/community activities and projects.

Dr. Scott Stringer, associate vice chancellor for clinical affairs, said Putt is very deserving of this outstanding recognition.

"His leadership skills have been critical in redefining University of Mississippi Health Care," he said.

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