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## St. Luke's Wood River Selects New CEO

St. Luke's Health System announced Wednesday the hiring of a new chief executive officer for its Ketchum hospital.

Cody Langbehn will take over as CEO of St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center on Jan. 23. He replaces interim CEO John Kee, who will now continue his role as vice president of physician services for St. Luke's Health System.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to relocate to the Wood River Valley," Langbehn said. "It's a perfect opportunity to move to a highly reputable health system. They have an exceptional leadership team that is evident with their board of directors and medical team."

Langbehn, executive director of regional operations at Billings Clinic in Billings, Mont., will oversee operations of the 25-bed critical access hospital that serves central Idaho patients.

"Cody has extensive experience in the delivery of medical services throughout the Intermountain Region, which will be invaluable in the future development of St. Luke's Wood River," St. Luke's Health System President and CEO David Pate said in a written release.

Langbehn has worked at Billings Clinic since 1997, and previously served as CEO of Pioneer Timber Medical Center in Big Timber, Mont. He holds a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and a master's degree in the same field from Montana State University.

Langbehn said he expects to face several challenges in the upcoming months as the hospital's CEO. With pending health care reform, shifting into a new system of care will take time to get used to.

"There's going to be a fundamental shift in how we look at health care, whether it's health care reform or how we look at care," he said. "I'm lucky to be replacing someone who is leaving the hospital in good shape. The staff is ready to take on these challenges."

He will move to the Wood River Valley with his wife, Lisa, and their two young children.