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AnMed Health CEO announces retirement after 39-year career

(Anderson, S.C., Dec. 17, 2019) – AnMed Health Chief Executive Officer Bill Manson has announced plans to retire in July 2020. Manson joined the organization’s leadership team in 1981, serving in a number of roles throughout his tenure. After providing executive oversight of the health system’s operations for 16 years, he took over as CEO of Anderson’s largest employer in 2015.

“I have been both humbled and honored to serve as CEO of AnMed Health. As I reflect on the growth and change that has taken place since I first arrived in Anderson 39 years ago, I am proud of the remarkable community asset that AnMed Health is and honored to have worked alongside many talented individuals who have helped to make it so. I am convinced the work we have done in recent years to build a very strong physician network, improve our clinical care programs, develop a local and Upstate population health program, and look for the right strategic partnerships, leaves AnMed Health in an excellent place to continue to fulfill its mission of optimizing community health well into the future,” Manson said.

Under Manson’s leadership, AnMed Health has consistently risen to meet the growing needs of those it serves and the changing face of health care. Over the last several years, he has successfully led the health system through a national paradigm-shift to reduce hospitalizations and improve population health. Through the implementation of a sophisticated electronic medical records system in 2017 and the formation of strategic partnerships on both the local and regional levels, Manson has helped build an infrastructure to support the organization’s mission in a new industry environment. During his tenure, AnMed Health has continued to enhance clinical capabilities, facilities and technology with the development of an expanded presence in Clemson, construction of a hybrid OR at the Medical Center and introduction of the TAVR procedure for minimally invasive aortic valve replacement. In addition, new partnerships were developed with Anderson University, Tri-County Technical College, MUSC and others to expand educational and professional opportunities for nurses and primary care physicians and to ensure a pipeline of top talent.

“Bill came to Anderson almost 40 years ago to work for a place we called Anderson Memorial Hospital. Through Bill’s vision and leadership – his leadership at many levels - Anderson Hospital grew and transformed into AnMed Health: a strong, nationally recognized, independent healthcare system. Bill’s mission has always been to serve the community humbly and - above all - to support the patients, clinicians and staff of AnMed Health. Because of Bill’s commitment, AnMed Health will provide gold standard health care to our community for decades to come,” said Bill Kibler, AnMed Health Board Chairman.

Throughout his career, Manson has been very involved in the community. He has served the United Way of Anderson County, the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Success by Six, the Anderson Free Clinic and as an elder in his church, First Presbyterian Church. His professional activities include serving as chairman of the South Carolina Hospital Association and as South Carolina chapter president and regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives. Manson is an economics graduate of Davidson College with an MBA from UNC-Charlotte.

Manson and his wife, Kathryn, have two grown married daughters and a recent grandson. They plan to remain in the Anderson area and stay active in the community.

The executive committee of the AnMed Health Board of Trustees has engaged Gallagher MSA Search, a nationally recognized healthcare consulting firm, to assist in the CEO selection process.

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