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## **Sharon Hospital Announces New President & Chief Executive Officer Kimberly A. Lumia, RN, MSN, MBA, Accepts Leadership Position**

**Sharon, CT** — Steve Wylie, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for Essent Healthcare, Sharon Hospital’s parent company, announced the appointment of Kimberly A. Lumia, RN, MSN, MBA, as the new President and Chief Executive officer of Sharon Hospital at a special Director’s meeting on Tuesday morning.

“We want to congratulate Kim in her new role at Sharon Hospital,” stated Steve Wylie.

“We conducted a national search for this position and found the best candidate right here amongst us. Kim Lumia is the perfect fit as the new President and CEO of Sharon Hospital. Kim knows Sharon Hospital and our community. She works closely with our medical staff, hospital staff, and board members. The Essent Healthcare management team and I are very confident in Kim’s ability to take Sharon Hospital to new heights,” he added.

Mrs. Lumia was appointed Acting CEO effective July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, after the departure of Charlie Therrien, former President and CEO. Kim continued in the footsteps of Therrien and, together with Sharon Hospital’s Senior Management Team, focused her attention on continual enhancement of quality initiatives, patient care, growth initiatives, and physician and staff relations. Mrs. Lumia joined Sharon Hospital in March of 2009 as the Chief Nursing Officer.

She served in the CNO capacity for the past year and a half. A few of her accomplishments include:

- Development of patient care programs, policies, and procedures that describe how patients' needs for nursing care, treatment, and services are assessed, evaluated, and met.
- Development of a patient focused, team oriented culture, working in conjunction with all other medical, clinical and therapeutic disciplines to ensure optimal service and superior outcomes.
- Development and implementation of programs enhancing a culture of safety and accountability related to all aspects of patient care.
- The reduction and elimination of the need for clinical staff travelers.
- Creation of an environment and culture that enables the hospital to fulfill its mission by meeting or exceeding its goals, conveying the hospital mission to all staff, holding staff accountable for performance, motivating staff to improve performance and being responsible for the measurement, assessment and continuous improvement.

Before joining the Sharon Hospital team, Kim served in various capacities at the Hospital of St. Raphael's in New Haven, CT, a 511 bed institution as well as the John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Lumia is a dynamic civic minded leader. She is dedicated to community service; she is a member of the Board of Education in Wolcott, Connecticut, a U7 soccer coach and she serves on many other boards and committees. Kim is a valuable asset to Sharon Hospital and to our community.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I accept the position of President and CEO," Mrs. Lumia stated in a letter to staff, physicians and board members this morning. "I am honored to represent our high quality medical staff, nurses and support team as your new CEO and look forward to working with each of you. At Sharon Hospital, we are committed to our staff and dedicated to continued success by serving the future healthcare needs of the community. In 2011, we have many new and exciting growth initiatives, programs, and technological advancements planned. These programs and services will further enhance our vision and our ability to care for our community with compassionate, patient-focused care", added Mrs. Lumia.

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