

Sebastopol's Palm Drive Hospital names new CEO

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The Palm Drive Hospital board on Tuesday selected a Phoenix, Ariz., administrator to be its chief executive officer.

Richard Polheber, 64, a health care executive with 30 years of experience, will receive a salary of \$250,000 a year, and is expected to start at Palm Drive on Dec. 1.

He replaces Mike Lieb, who has been Palm Drive's interim chief executive officer since May 24. Lieb did not seek the permanent position.

Polheber was interim chief executive officer at the Arizona Association of Community Health Centers in Phoenix.

From 1999 to 2009, he was chief executive officer of Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, a 31-bed acute care hospital in Nogales, Arizona.

Polheber is an employee of Health Tech Management Services of Brentwood, Tenn., which manages Palm Drive, but Palm Drive pays Polheber's salary.

Palm Drive Hospital is an independent health care district, managed by a five-member board. It has 37 beds, 270 employees, and annual revenues of about \$30 million a year.