

# Interim CEO named for Palm Drive Hospital

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A Texas hospital administrator has been named interim CEO at Palm Drive Hospital.

Michael Lieb, for the past year vice president of corporate operations for Community Hospital Corp. of Plano, Texas, will replace interim CEO Neil Todhunter, who has led Palm Drive since August 2009.

Lieb's salary has yet to be finalized, a spokeswoman said. He was appointed by the hospital's Tennessee-based management company, Brim Healthcare Inc.

The directors of the publicly owned Palm Drive intend to continue their search for a permanent executive, board President Nancy Dobbs announced Wednesday.

Board members last month thought they had secured such a leader for the \$275,000-a-year position. But that administrator's appointment was withdrawn by Brim in a brief letter received April 22. No reason was given for the withdrawal.

Palm Drive, which filed for bankruptcy protection in 2007, is preparing for a \$10 million bond sale, which would help pay off creditors and buy equipment. The sale, expected to take place by the end of the month, is one of the last steps needed for the hospital to emerge from bankruptcy.

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