

# Community Hospital

## Chris Thomas, FACHE

### President and CEO



**Chris Thomas, FACHE** has been named the new president and CEO of Colorado West HealthCare System dba Community Hospital. Thomas comes from Great Bend, Kansas where he has been working as the executive director and chief administrative

officer of ILS Resources Management.

Thomas's selection was announced by Community Hospital Board of Trustee Chairman, David Price, on Friday March, 28, 2008. He will start his position on April 21.

"Chris is an experienced leader who has a full understanding of the issues that impact the delivery of quality healthcare and has a proven record of operational excellence focused on community needs," Price said. "His leadership skills and commitment to quality patient outcomes are evident to all who meet him. He was the unanimous choice of the search committee, medical staff leadership, department directors, and full board of trustees."

Prior to being named Community Hospital president and CEO, Thomas had worked as a healthcare executive for over 15 years. He had most recently served as the president and CEO of Central Kansas Medical Center from 2004-2007. Thomas also brings to the position a strong educational background with a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work for an organization that has such a strong community focus," said Thomas. "During my interview process I was very impressed with the staff, physicians and board members that I had the opportunity to meet and their commitment to moving the organization forward. The potential we have for working together to continue to make Community Hospital a place to receive outstanding healthcare and be an employer of choice is in my mind limitless."

"My wife Jana and our three daughters are all ecstatic about what the Grand Junction community has to offer. My healthcare career started in Colorado and I am looking forward to this new challenge back in Colorado," said Thomas.

#### Education:

Masters of Business Administration, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 1990

Bachelor of Science, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, 1988

#### Professional Affiliation:

American College of Healthcare Executives, Fellow

#### Experience:

**Executive Director/Chief Administrative Officer**, I.L.S. Resource Management, Great Bend, KS, May 2007 to Present

**President and Chief Executive Officer**, Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, KS, June 2004 to May 2007

**Vice President of Strategic Development**, Allen Health System, Waterloo, IA, June 1999 to June 2004

**Chief Executive Officer**, Hegg Memorial Health Center / Avera Health, Rock Valley, IA, June 1997 to June 1999

**Interim Administrator/Chief Executive Officer** for Managed Hospitals, November 1995 to June 1997

**Administrator**, Sister James Nursing Home, Sacred Heart Health System / Avera Health, Yankton, SD, November 1992 to June 1997

**Administrator/C.E.O.**, Garden of the Gods Care Center, Colorado Springs, CO, February 1991 to November 1992

# Community Hospital