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SOUTHPORT, NC - The J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital (Doshier), a critical access community hospital located in Southport, NC today announced that its CEO Tom Siemers will step down, effective February 28, 2020.

Siemers joined Doshier in November, 2012 and during his tenure, the hospital has made significant advancements and received many state and national awards to include: 5 Star Patient Experience rating from the federal government based on patient surveys (awarded to only 7 hospitals in North Carolina), Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award, construction of new \$11 million inpatient unit, upgraded equipment and added new technology to include 3-D mammography, MRI and spine surgical service, designed and built Doshier Wellness Center, started Doshier Primary Care Network, and recruited multiple physicians to our area.

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as CEO of Doshier Hospital," said Siemers. "I am proud of the progress we have made and am especially thankful to the Doshier team for their dedication and care for our community during my time here. This hospital, employees and volunteers will always hold a special place in my heart."

Doshier Board of Trustee's Chairman, Robert Howard said, "On behalf of the J. Arthur Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees, we sincerely appreciate Tom's years of dedication and service to the hospital, as he helped us navigate the changes in healthcare for Smithville Township. We wish for him the very best the future holds."

Interim leadership has not yet been announced.

### **About Doshier**

Doshier Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit, public, community hospital in Southport, NC and is the only independent critical access hospital in North Carolina. The hospital services

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Smithville Township – Southport, Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Oak Island and the eastern portion of St. James – as well as surrounding communities of Brunswick County. For more information, visit <http://www.dosher.org>.

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