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**Seaton Named Chief Nursing Officer at HCMC**

**PARIS, TN** – Michelle Seaton, RN, has been named the Chief Nursing Officer at Henry County Medical Center, CEO John Tucker announced the week of Thanksgiving.

Seaton, who has worked at HCMC since 2013, replaces Kim Bentley, RN, who served as the interim Chief Nursing Officer from December 2021 until this fall. In this role, Seaton will oversee and implement changes to nursing best practices, such as shift changes and infection prevention procedures. She will also be responsible for recruiting, onboarding, and training new nursing staff.

“We are so pleased that Michelle has agreed to continue on as our Chief Nursing Officer permanently,” said Tucker. “She is a skilled leader and we look forward to much success from nursing under her leadership.”

A native of Springville, TN, Seaton attended Big Sandy High School. After high school, she spent 15 years in the business sector, working in sales and sales management at various organizations.

Seaton started her career in Sales at Four Season’s Sales and Service, where she earned top sales performer for several years. Through her years in sales, she led the largest sales group and increased volumes throughout the organization. In her final sales management position, she managed an organization out of Farmington Hills, Michigan where she led a team and increased sales over 300%.

Seaton decided to change her path to pursue a career in nursing. At that time, she enrolled at Bethel University where she achieved her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She began her nursing career at HCMC in 2013 as a Medical Surgical Nurse. In 2014, she was promoted to Nurse Director over HCMC’s Observation Unit, Same Day Surgery, and Outpatient Infusion. From 2017 to 2022, Seaton has been the Director of our Medical Surgical Units and Outpatient Infusion Department.

Seaton stated, “I immediately fell in love with nursing and it solidified my decision once I found out what it felt like to make a difference in people’s lives. This new position has created the opportunity for me to enjoy the best of both worlds. I get to lead a wonderful group of nurses while also helping patients from our community. We have to treat our patients like we would want our families treated. They are not here because they want to be. It is our job to treat them with respect, patient centered care, compassion, and always give them the best care possible. A smile goes along way.”

Seaton is married to Dr. Jeff Seaton, a professor at Murray State University. She has three daughters: Jessica Espinosa, Tiffany Frizzell and Hailey Frizzell. She also has three grandchildren: Noah, Farrah and Jonah. Her hobbies include playing golf, boating, traveling, supporting the Tennessee Titans and spending time with family and friends.

Learn more about our leadership team at HCMC online at www.hcmc-tn.org.

**About Henry County Medical Center**
Located in Paris, TN, Henry County Medical Center is a progressive, integrated healthcare organization committed to serving the healthcare needs of Henry County and the adjoining region. Including a 142-bed hospital and other facilities, the medical center provides a variety of outpatient services, as well as inpatient care. Additionally, HCMC owns and operates 7 provider clinics in various specialties. Henry County Medical Center is a county-owned and operated nonprofit institution. For more information: [www.hcmc-tn.org](http://www.hcmc-tn.org).