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## **MICHAEL SOISSON NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD PENN PARTNERS**

**Philadelphia, PA – Good Shepherd Penn Partners (GSPP)**, a joint venture of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network and the University of Pennsylvania Health System, has named **Michael J. Soisson** as Executive Director.

As the top leader for GSPP, Soisson will provide strategic oversight and operational leadership to the post-acute care network. He will oversee creating a culture of performance excellence, staff accountability and evidence-based decision making.

Soisson has vast experience in rehabilitation and long-term acute care hospital services. Prior to joining GSPP, he was a senior health-care consultant specializing in post-acute care. He previously served as Vice President for Hospital Development for Centerre Healthcare and senior consultant for post-acute services for Mitretek-Gill/Balsano Consulting. Soisson's career also included positions as: Chief Executive Officer of Select Specialty Hospitals in Greensburg, Camp Hill and York, Pennsylvania; System Vice President for Conemaugh Health System in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and COO/CEO of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Soisson received a bachelor's degree from Loyola College in Maryland and master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh. He also earned a master's degree in health care administration from Medical College of Virginia.

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*Scheduled to open in July 2008, **Good Shepherd Penn Partners (GSPP)** brings together the synergies of two national leaders in rehabilitation to provide excellent, comprehensive post-acute care in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania region. GSPP is a joint venture of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network based in Allentown Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) based in Philadelphia. GSPP will provide specialized inpatient long-term acute care and physical rehabilitation for patients discharged from medical, surgical and intensive care units. In addition, GSPP will operate outpatient rehabilitation centers as*

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well as rehabilitation therapy services for UPHS's three hospitals and three skilled nursing facilities. For more information on GSPP, visit [www.GoodShepherdRehab.org/press-room/index.asp](http://www.GoodShepherdRehab.org/press-room/index.asp).

### **Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network based in Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Good Shepherd is a nationally recognized rehabilitation leader, offering a continuum of care for people with physical and cognitive disabilities and specializing in assistive and rehabilitation technology. More than 35,000 people come to Good Shepherd each year for specialized programs in stroke, orthopedics, brain injury, spinal cord injury, pediatrics, amputation and more. Good Shepherd provides rehabilitation services at 30 sites in 7 eastern Pennsylvania counties. In addition, Good Shepherd operates 14 outpatient sites, 4 inpatient sites, a long-term acute care hospital, 2 long-term care homes for people with disabilities, an independent living facility, a Work Services division that provides employment training and job placement and a lifestyle products store called Reability. Good Shepherd was founded in 1908 when The Rev. John and Estella Raker invited a disabled orphan named Viola into their Allentown, Pennsylvania, home. For more information, visit [www.goodshepherdrehab.org](http://www.goodshepherdrehab.org).

### **University of Pennsylvania Health System based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

The University of Pennsylvania Health System is part of PENN Medicine, a \$2.9 billion enterprise dedicated to the related missions of medical education, biomedical research, and high-quality patient care. PENN Medicine consists of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (founded in 1765 as the nation's first medical school) and the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS). UPHS includes three hospitals, all of which have received numerous national patient-care honors (Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Hospital, the nation's first hospital; and Penn Presbyterian Medical Center); a faculty practice plan; a primary care provider network; two multi-specialty satellite facilities; and home care and hospice. Penn's School of Medicine is ranked #2 in the nation for receipt of NIH research funds, and ranked #3 in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's most recent ranking of top research-oriented medical schools. Supporting 1,400 full-time faculty and 700 students, the School of Medicine is recognized worldwide for its superior education and training of the next generation of physician-scientists and leaders of academic medicine. For more information, visit [www.pennhealth.com](http://www.pennhealth.com).

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