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## **Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall President/CEO Named Regional Hospital Association Chair**

Hauppauge, NY (September 23, 2020) **Joan Cusack-McGuirk, president/CEO of Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall**, and New Windsor resident, was named chair of the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet). Her two-year term expires July 2022. NorMet represents hospitals in seven counties in the Hudson Valley. It advocates for reasonable and rationale healthcare regulation and legislation. NorMet is a division of the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State (SHANYS), which oversees lobbying activities for NorMet and its sister organization on Long Island,

Cusack-McGuirk began her career more than 40 years ago as a nurse, eventually rising to senior vice president and chief nursing officer before being appointed to her current position. Under her leadership, the hospital has earned numerous awards and accreditations, including Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. This recognition is the gold standard for nursing excellence. Additionally, under Cusack-McGuirk's leadership, MSLC is certified as a Great Place to Work for four consecutive years and has been named in the top five percent of hospitals in the nation for clinical excellence according to a national report by Healthgrades. The hospital is among Fortune's top 25 Best Workplaces in Healthcare for 2020. MSLC is also a verified level III Trauma Center, with significant accolades from the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association, including the Get with the Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and Mission Lifeline Gold Award.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business Fellows Program, she holds a master's degree from New York University and a bachelor's degree in nursing from SUNY New Paltz. She is an active member of regional and state healthcare policy associations, and locally, she serves the Orange County Chamber, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, and Rotary Club of Greater Newburgh, among others.

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### **About the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet)**



*The Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals in the Hudson Valley region. It works in conjunction with the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NorMet serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals in the Hudson Valley.*

### **About the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State**

*The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State advocates on behalf of hospitals in the Hudson Valley and Long Island regions. It engages key lawmakers and regulatory decision-makers in Albany and Washington to ensure reasonable and rational health care policy prevails.*

### **About Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall**

*Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall (MSLC) is a not-for-profit community hospital with campuses in Newburgh and Cornwall, NY. The hospital is dedicated to serving the health care needs of the Hudson Valley and has achieved excellence in the delivery of compassionate and comprehensive health care services. In January 2018, MSLC officially became part of the Montefiore Health System to strengthen the delivery of health care locally and enhance access to exceptional specialty care for Hudson Valley residents. In March 2019, the hospital changed its name from St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital to Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall*



**Joan Cusack-McGuirk** Photo  
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