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LONG TIME SOUTH SHORE HOSPITAL LEADER TO RETIRE

The President and CEO of South Shore Hospital Jesus M. Ong announced that he will be retiring after 38 years of service with the Hospital located in the South Shore community of Chicago, "to retire is a hard decision for me, I will truly miss everyone however after 38 years of working at a good place it's time for me to spend more time with my family." said Ong

Ong served as the Hospital's Chief Financial Officer before taking the helm as CEO in 1999, "Jesse played a key role in keeping the Hospital open in tough economic times and in the opening of our new state of the art Geriatric Psych Unit this month. The Board of Directors asked him to stay but he felt the time was right" said Board Chairman Nick Valadez.

South Shore Hospital just celebrated its 100th anniversary and is in the middle of a multimillion dollar modernization of its facilities and equipment at a time when most safety net hospitals are struggling financially. The Board of Directors will immediately begin a search for Mr. Ong's successor. Information on the process can be obtained at the above contacts.