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EXCELA HEALTH CEO JOHN SPHON AMONG *PA BUSINESS CENTRAL'S* TOP 100 PEOPLE FOR 2020

GREENSBURG, PA, February 19 – Excelsa Health Chief Executive Officer John Sphon is among *Pennsylvania Business Central's* Top 100 People for 2020 and is featured in the publication's January edition.

“I am proud of this distinction, not only for myself but for our entire organization,” Sphon said of the recognition. “This honor is a reflection of the collective efforts of the entire Excelsa Health team.”

The publication lauded Sphon as: “Highly skilled in such areas as business development and operations he has made a career of establishing and nurturing effective business relationships and employee engagement.”

Sphon became Excelsa Health’s CEO in December 2019, following eight months as interim Chief Executive. From 2008 through 2019, Sphon was CEO of MedCare Equipment Co., LLC, an Excelsa Health affiliate providing durable medical equipment and supplies throughout western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia and southern New York. His healthcare career spans parts of four decades, including leadership roles with the health system's Ambulatory and Diversified Services and Physician Practices.

In 2010, he earned The Pacesetter Award from the *Pittsburgh Business Times* in recognition of how MedCare's affiliation grew into a partnership with eight health systems, including Excela Health where the company originated in the 1980s.

A resident and native of Westmoreland County, Sphon earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is on the Board of Directors of the Economic Growth Connection and member of Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce.

Pennsylvania Business Central is a business-to-business publication, headquartered in State College, and is distributed throughout a 23-county area. Annually, the publication highlights 100 people in business and economic development who have made a dynamic impact on their organizations and communities.

The recognition is based on nominations from chambers of commerce, community leaders and the readership base of 40,000. Learn more about *Pennsylvania Business Central* at <https://www.pabusinesscentral.com/articles/john-sphon/>

Excela Health, a 578-bed, tertiary-based health System in Westmoreland County, PA, includes three hospitals – Excela Westmoreland Hospital, Excela Latrobe Hospital and Excela Frick Hospital – and serves more than 23,000 inpatients, 700,000 outpatients and 100,000 emergency visits annually. With more than 700 physicians and allied health professionals and 4,800 employees, Excela is a regional leader in clinical areas such as Cardiovascular Disease, Orthopedics and Emergency Medicine.

The System has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report among the nation's Best Regional Hospitals and achieved Magnet Recognition®, the highest honor for nursing professionalism and superior patient care given by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

For more information, visit www.ExcelaHealth.org