



MARY BLACK HEALTH SYSTEM

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Cope Named COO at Mary Black

SPARTANBURG, SC (January 19, 2009) – Mary Black Health System (MBHS) is pleased to announce that David Cope has been named Chief Operating Officer (COO) for MBHS. As COO, Cope will be responsible for all Ancillary and Support Services and will assist with construction and renovation projects. Cope comes to Mary Black from The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties where he served as Vice President for Strategy and Development. Prior to that experience he was the Vice President of Operations for Colleton Medical Center.

“David brings a wealth of hospital operational experience to our health system,” said Phillip L. Wright, FACHE, CEO Mary Black Health System. “We welcome David and his wife, Patty to Spartanburg,” he added.

Cope is a graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. He received his Masters of Business Administration from Claflin University. Cope is very active in professional organizations holding memberships in: the American College of Healthcare Executives, Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA), and The Forum for Healthcare Strategists.

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Mary Black Health System LLC is an integrated delivery system comprised of Mary Black Memorial Hospital, Mary Black Physicians Group, and Mary Black HealthNetwork, Inc.

