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GOVERNOR INSLEE APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE, KELLY ESPINOZA, VP PATIENT CARE SERVICES PEACEHEALTH ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER TO BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Bellingham Washington, January 13, 2014 - Bellingham Technical College announces Governor Jay Inslee's appointment of Kelly Espinoza to Bellingham Technical College's Board of Trustees. Her term runs November 2013 through September 2016.

Kelly Espinoza currently serves as the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer for PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center where she has oversight for patient care services including nursing, pharmacy, social services, behavioral health, rehabilitation services, therapies, professional practice, emergency services and trauma.

She joined PeaceHealth in July of 2012, having come from Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, in Reno, Nevada - a 385 bed, not-for-profit medical center which was part of Dignity Health, a 40 hospital system formerly known as Catholic Healthcare West (CHW). She held the position of Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Care Services. Prior to her Chief Nurse role at St. Mary's, she held the roles of Vice President of Quality at Renown Health in Reno and the Director of Quality and Patient Safety at Stanford Hospital and Clinics in Palo Alto, California.

"I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Inslee to serve as a Trustee for Bellingham Technical College. I feel privileged to serve my community at a college that is recognized for providing our community with vital healthcare workforce members. I look forward to working with the Board, Staff, Students and Faculty," said Kelly Espinoza, new Trustee, Bellingham Technical College.

Kelly also served as the President of the Nevada State Board of Nursing and was awarded the Northern Nevada Nurse of Achievement for LEADERSHIP in 2012 and participates in numerous professional organizations including but not limited to Sigma Theta Tau, American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), and Association of Nurse Executives (AONE). She holds a Master's of Science in Nursing from University of Nevada, Reno, and is pursuing her PhD in Nursing Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"We are delighted to have Kelly as our new trustee," said BTC President Patricia McKeown. "Her extensive healthcare experience coupled with her hands-on experience at recognized institutions will bring new insights into BTC's healthcare partnership opportunities. She will be a wonderful addition to our board," said BTC President Patricia McKeown.

"Kelly's distinguished career and deep understanding of the healthcare industry along with her previous positions on recognized boards will be of great value to Bellingham Technical College and the community at large—we welcome her and are very pleased that she is a member of our board," said BTC Board Chair, Jim Groves.

Kelly joins the existing BTC Board of Trustees, comprising Jim Groves, Chair; Debbie Ahl; Jim Cunningham and Lisa Woo. She replaces Mark Asmundson.

About Bellingham Technical College

Bellingham Technical College is part of the Washington State Community and Technical College system and offers 37 associate degree and 51 certificate options providing professional technical education to support local and regional industry workforce needs. For more information, go to www.btc.ctc.edu

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