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RETIREMENT OF ROBERT M. JONES

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– Dr. McVey

Medical Assurance Company of Mississippi (MACM) announces the retirement of President and Chief Executive Officer Robert M. Jones. Rob has worked for MACM for 37 years, first as outside Legal Counsel, then inside General Counsel, and for the last 10 years as President and Chief Executive Officer. During his time at MACM, the company has grown exponentially into the financially stronger organization that it is now—from 2014, with assets of \$332 million and surplus of \$243 million, to today, with assets of \$377 million and surplus of \$281 million.

Rob made it a priority to interact with our local government and other organizations. He created a political committee to add structure to PAC donations, lobbying and political efforts. MACM has been a significant player in Legislative, Executive and Judicial elections. There has been an emphasis on the relationship MACM has with the MSBML, MS Board of Nursing, and the MS Board of Pharmacy. The Mississippi Civil Justice Alliance was also formed with the help of BIPEC. Rob urged MPLA to create a new section of companies similar to MACM to share ideas. Under Rob’s leadership, the COVID immunity legislation passed during some difficult and uncertain times.

He transformed the Board into a more engaged, interactive, and diverse Board that is committed to keeping MACM as the leader in medical malpractice in Mississippi. In addition, regular strategic planning meetings were conducted.

Under Rob's leadership new corporate officer positions were created, he oversaw the redesign and implementation of a new MACM logo. Free online CME for physicians through Medical Interactive and online webinars and videos are now offered for our physicians. The Reserve Review Committee was reactivated, and a new Defense Counsel Compensation Plan was started. He reinstated prior acts coverage, and underwriting began the review of nurse practitioners who are employed by MACM physicians.

We are now fully digital in terms of documents, storage and record keeping and have online renewals and digital insurance policies. MACM continues to be "A" rated by A.M. Best.

"What matters most in this building is the people and the culture. Running the company is important and is why we are here, but the core values, mission, and the way we did it mattered the most. I am looking forward to retirement and being able to spend more time with my wife Gail and my growing family. Jane Frances is my oldest granddaughter who is 14-months-old, and I have a brand new grandson Robert Louis who just arrived. I really am excited about the time I get to spend with them along with my son Andrew and daughter-in-law Laura Katherine. I am highly active in my church, and this will allow me more time to be part of committees and such," Rob said.

"Rob has demonstrated a high moral character in all of his interactions with the health care community of Mississippi," Dr. McVey said. "We have been very fortunate that Rob gave us significant advanced notice of his retirement date. This allowed us to be very thoughtful in the process of selecting his replacement," according to Dr. McVey.

"Rob's ability to communicate well with every MACM audience-physician insured, legal, legislative, judicial, staff- has proved to be one of his greatest attributes. MACM expresses heartfelt gratitude to Rob for his outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication to the company. His guidance has been invaluable, and his commitment has truly made a difference," according to Dr. McVey.



MACM welcomes new President and Chief Executive Officer

MICHAEL M. BECKETT, JR., MBA

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MACM is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael M. Beckett, Jr., MBA, as the company's new President and Chief Executive Officer, effective April 22, 2024.

During the past 12 months, the members of the Board of Directors have worked closely with an outside recruiting firm, The Jacobson Group, to determine the needed skill set for MACM's new leader.

"The board has significant confidence in Mike's leadership skills and is confident that the integrity that has personified MACM for all these years will continue," Dr. McVey said.

A trusted advisor to the medical malpractice insurance industry, Michael brings more than 30 years of experience within the insurance space to his new role at MACM. He has garnered a reputation for achieving strategic development success in new markets, as well as building the trust and retention of current policyholders and customers.

Michael's impressive insurance career includes roles with State Farm, AIG, and Nationwide, as well as a 20-year tenure at MAG Mutual Insurance Company. Most recently, he served as their National Business Development Officer. In this role, Michael led the company's market expansion from a Southeast regional focus to a competitive full 50-state national program. His background features extensive experience in strategic business development, sales, underwriting, business operations and project management.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from the College of Charleston with a minor in communications. He also earned a Master of Business Administration at the Keller Graduate School of Management with a certificate in project management.



"I am pleased about this new opportunity and embrace the chance to grow MACM in the years ahead. Our company will be driven by industry leading experience and an unwavering commitment to all the principles of service to those that rely on us."

*– Michael M. Beckett, Jr.,
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