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Johnese Spisso, RN, MPA, is the Chief Health System Officer for UW Medicine, and the Vice President for Medical Affairs, UW which includes Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center, Northwest Hospital and Medical Center, Valley Medical Center, UW Neighborhood Clinics, UW Physicians, UW School of Medicine and Airlift Northwest. Johnese has over 25 years experience in health care leadership positions.

She has worked at UW Medicine for the past 17 years, where she was steadily promoted from Associate Administrator, Patient Care Services to Chief Nursing Officer, to Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director at Harborview Medical Center prior to being promoted to the position of Chief Health System Officer, UW Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs, UW in 2007. In this position she is responsible for all clinical entities in UW Medicine including Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley Medical Center, UW Neighborhood Clinics, UW Physicians, Airlift Northwest & Enterprise Shared Services of Information Technology, Pharmacy, Human Resources, News, Community Relations and Marketing.

Prior to joining UW Medicine, Johnese worked in progressive leadership positions at the University of California Davis Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh, Presbyterian Medical Center. She holds a clinical faculty member appointment in Biobehavioral



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Sciences and Management in the University of Washington School of Nursing.

Johnese graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing, has a Bachelors Degree in Health Sciences from Chapman College and a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration and Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. She has published numerous articles and book chapters on health care leadership and trauma systems. She has extensive experience as an invited speaker nationally on a variety of healthcare leadership topics and has served extensively as a site surveyor for Trauma Center Designations in other states.

Johnese currently serves on the Governing board of the University HealthCare Consortium (UHC), the National Association of Public Hospitals (NAPH), the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board (AHA RPB), First Choice Health Plan Board, and the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company. Johnese served for seven years as the founding Chair of the King County Health Care Coalition from 2005 to 2012. The Coalition was established to develop a system to assure coordination, communication and optimal use of available resources within Seattle & King county in response to emergencies and disasters. In 2007, Johnese was selected by the Puget Sound Business Journal's to receive their annual Women of Influence award in the region for her leadership in health care. In 2010, Johnese received silver medallion award for Outstanding Healthcare Executive from Seattle Business Magazine in 2013 she received the King County Healthcare Coalition Excellence in Leadership award.