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Swope Community Enterprises Board of Directors Approves Restructuring Organizational Moves Secure Sustainable Future

(Kansas City, MO)...The Swope Community Enterprises (SCE) board of directors has approved a restructuring of the enterprise's leadership team. The moves will build organizational depth and develop a long-term succession plan for growth of the corporation.

Effective immediately, Barrett Hatches is chief operating officer of SCE and Verneda Bachus Robinson is president of Swope Health Services (SHS).

"We are fortunate to have such strong leadership inside our organization that we can further develop to meet the changing needs of our business," said E. Frank Ellis, Chairman & CEO of Swope Community Enterprises.

"We will be taking the enterprise to a new level of service," Ellis said. "This will give our organization the opportunity to further develop internal talent and better serve our patients, clients and customers."

Hatches has been serving as president and CEO of SHS since 2004. He also has been Chief Operating Officer of SCE since 2006. Hatches previously was president and CEO of a natural gas and electric utility in northern Indiana. In addition, he previously held senior management positions with SEMCO Energy in Port Huron, Michigan and was president and CEO of ENSTAR Natural Gas in Anchorage, Alaska.

The presidents of Swope Community Builders (SCB) and Swope Health Services (SHS) will report to Hatches. He also will be responsible for New Business Development, Resource Development, Corporate Communications & Government Affairs.

As president of SHS, Robinson will have day-to-day responsibility for all health services, behavioral health, dental care and community outreach. She was previously Chief Operating Officer/Chief Human Resources Officer at Swope Community Enterprise Services. Robinson has also served as Senior Vice President at SCE. Prior to joining SCE in 2001, Robinson owned a management consulting firm specializing in business consulting, human resources management, professional development training/coaching, and executive placement. Robinson also has extensive experience in the natural gas and utility industry, specifically in customer service, budgeting and strategic and operational planning.

Kant Doshi, Senior Vice President for Business Planning and Analysis, will add

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Finance & Accounting, as well as Information Technology to his responsibilities.

Ellis will continue to serve as Chairman & CEO of SCE. Other leadership responsibilities that will remain the same are as follows:

- **William “Bill” Jones** maintains his role as president of Swope Community Builders.
- **Sylvia Robinson** is president of Swope Center for Career Advancement.
- **Gary Brown** is responsible for Legal Affairs.
- **Dave Barber** is responsible for enterprise Risk Management/Internal Audit.

“Our, vision, mission, and values will remain the same,” Ellis said. “These changes simply allow us to realign our internal leadership capacity to prepare the organization for the future.”

Swope Community Enterprises (SCE) and its member companies are dedicated to providing solutions to improve the physical, behavioral, and economic well being of individuals, families and communities.

Swope Health Services is a safety net provider that offers a wide array of healthcare services with primary focus on physical and behavioral health for the insured, uninsured, underserved.

Swope Community Builders is a member of the Swope Community Enterprises family of companies. The not-for-profit community development corporation’s mission is to improve the general well-being of communities by engaging in the physical redevelopment of targeted areas, while connecting residents to social, economic and health services offered by affiliates and other organizations.

Swope Center for Career Advancement (SCCA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that offers education, preparation and support services to the Kansas City area. Through partnerships with local businesses and service providers, SCCA helps individuals overcome the barriers preventing them from achieving their educational and professional goals.