

## Augusta University Health appoints new chief financial officer

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**AUGUSTA**, **Ga.** (Jan. 11, 2021) – Allen Butcher, a national leader in financial management, has been named chief financial officer for <u>Augusta University Health</u>, effective Jan. 11, 2021.

With extensive experience leading complex change in large-scale matrixed organizations, Butcher's professional competencies include organic growth, cost reduction and funding integration practices. His experience in health care financial management includes leading the financial turnaround of Columbus Regional Health System, where he drove a comprehensive turnaround process that garnered significant increases to the health system's bottom line. Prior to that, he served as the chief financial officer for WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center, West Virginia United Health System, and University Health Associates in Morgantown, West Virginia.

"Allen is a seasoned health care executive, who possesses a wealth of experience in financial and commercial growth strategies and who understands the importance of reshaping the organizational finance function to better serve our patients and caregivers," said AU Health CEO <a href="Katrina Keefer">Katrina Keefer</a>. "His commitment to stewardship and profitability will allow us to further secure AU Health's financial foundation."

Butcher brings more than 30 years of financial experience to AU Health. He has served in a cross-section of industry, including most recently as the chief financial officer for The Concrete Company, the southeast's largest producer of concrete pipe and precast products, where he implemented financial strategies to significantly boost organizational revenue.

In his new role at AU Health, Butcher will be responsible for directing AU Health's financial functions and practices to improve the health system's overall operation and effectiveness.

Butcher earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from West Virginia University and received his certification as a public accountant with the West Virginia Society of CPAs.

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