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Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences Appoints John Dougherty, D.O., Interim Dean of Joplin Campus

(Kansas City, Mo. – August 12, 2015) – Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCU), the largest medical school in Missouri and one of the oldest osteopathic medical schools in the country, announced that John Dougherty, D.O., will serve as interim dean for KCU’s new osteopathic medical school in Joplin, Mo.

“I’m honored and excited to be selected as interim dean for KCU’s new campus in Joplin,” said Dr. Dougherty. “This is an important time at KCU — and in osteopathic medicine. The new campus in Joplin will be uniquely positioned to have a significant impact on the need for primary care physicians to serve in rural and underserved areas in this region.”

Dr. Dougherty is currently senior associate dean for clinical affairs and graduate medical education for KCU at its Kansas City, Mo., campus. He has a bachelor of science in biology and education from Culver Stockton College and received his doctor of osteopathy from KCU in 1992. He previously served as acting dean at KCU and as chair of the department of family medicine.

“The expansion of Kansas City University to this new Joplin campus will be significant for advancing our goal of training more physicians to address the ever-increasing need in our state, the region and our country,” said Marc B. Hahn, D.O., president and chief executive officer. “Dr. Dougherty is the ideal leader to serve as interim dean as KCU develops this new medical school campus. His familiarity with the community, along with his deep understanding of accreditation and curricular issues will greatly accelerate the process.”

As interim dean, Dr. Dougherty will assist with curriculum design, faculty recruitment and campus development while the university recruits a permanent dean. Upon selection of the new dean for the Joplin campus, Dr. Dougherty will continue to serve as a senior administrator for KCU in Kansas City.

“We look forward to Dr. Dougherty’s expertise in helping to get our new Joplin campus established,” said Bruce Dubin, D.O., executive vice president for academic affairs, provost and dean of KCU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine. “His extensive leadership capabilities and strong administrative experience will help ensure our Joplin campus meets the university’s uncompromising standards for excellence.”

The development of the new KCU Joplin College of Osteopathic Medicine has been accelerated by the collaborative efforts of Mercy Hospital Joplin, Freeman Health System, the City of Joplin and philanthropic leadership from the surrounding community. It will be the first new medical
school to open in Missouri in 45 years and will welcome its inaugural class of 150 students in 2017.

**About John Dougherty, D.O.**
Dr. Dougherty is active in leadership roles in numerous professional organizations and holds Fellowship in three osteopathic colleges, including the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), which recently selected Dr. Dougherty as Certified Physician Leader in Administration for its new Physician Leadership Institute. He also is currently a National Health Policy Fellow and was recently voted Missouri Society of the ACOFP “Family Physician of the Year.” Dr. Dougherty has been selected as a member of the Osteopathic Principles Committee (OPC) for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, a body that will oversee the standardization of accreditation policies and practices.

**About Kansas City University**
The Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCU) is a fully accredited, private university with a College of Biosciences and a College of Osteopathic Medicine. Since its founding in 1916, KCU has been committed to excellence in the education of highly qualified physicians, scientists, bioethicists and health professionals. The College of Osteopathic Medicine is the oldest medical school in Kansas City, Mo., and the largest in the state. KCU is the second-largest producer of physicians within the states of Missouri and Kansas, with 73 percent practicing in primary care specialties throughout the Midwest region.

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