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## Colones, Glenn, DuBard to participate in Riley initiative

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FLORENCE — Rob Colones, president and CEO of McLeod Health, Jeannette Glenn, McLeod Health's vice president of human resources and training, and Trip DuBard, executive director of Palmetto Horizon Inc. in Florence, have been chosen to participate in the Riley Diversity Leaders Initiative of the Riley Institute at Furman University in Greenville.

The Riley Diversity Leaders Initiative is a five-day program for leaders and decision makers who have the capacity to impact organizations and the greater community. As part of the program, leaders delve into real-time issues in our state and work to create initiatives which address those problems and challenges.

The Riley Institute at Furman is non-partisan, multi-faceted organization affiliated with the Furman University Department of Political Science. Named for former state governor and the U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, the institute is designed to engage citizens, government officials, business owners, and students across South Carolina in public policy discussion and analysis through a broad array of programs, conferences, and symposia.

"We embrace this as an opportunity for sharing information and gathering ideas, as we move towards the future of our health care organization, looking for ways to utilize the diversity and strength of our work force," Colones said in a press release issued by McLeod. "It is a privilege to be a part of this initiative."

To address the challenges of increased globalization, The Riley Institute at Furman has created a program for business, government and community leaders from across the state with classes located in the Upstate, Midlands, and Lowcountry. Chosen by nomination and application, participants in the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative from all demographic groups and sectors of the state — corporate, nonprofit, faith-based, education and public office — come together to build leadership skills while also examining and pursuing solutions to the challenges and opportunities most pressing to our state and communities.

Colones, Glenn and DuBard will continue the workshops at the S.C. Diversity Leaders Initiative once a

month for the next four months, through May. The program culminates with each team's presentation of a community action project to the class.