

Jesús Garza

*President and Chief Executive Officer, Seton Healthcare Family
Ministry Market Leader, Texas and Arizona*

On July 1, 2013, Jesús Garza became chief executive officer of Seton Healthcare Family. He also serves as ministry market leader for Texas and Ascension Health's Arizona ministry, Carondelet Health Network.

Jesús joined the Seton Family of Hospitals in 2002 following a distinguished career in private and public sector leadership. He was president and chief executive officer of a health ministry covering four facilities (University Medical Center Brackenridge and Seton Southwest Hospital in Austin; Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital in Luling; and Seton Highland Lakes Hospital in Burnet) before moving into the chief operating officer leadership post for Seton Healthcare Family. An experienced manager of complex organizations, he is also known for implementing strong community partnerships.

Prior to coming to Seton, Jesús served as deputy general manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority, following his eight-year service as city manager for the City of Austin. He led the city during a period of economic and population expansion. His tenure included business development, downtown revitalization and the opening of the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. He was responsible for the leadership of city-owned Brackenridge Hospital during the time when it was named a regional Trauma Center and the city's negotiator in the lease agreement that brought the facility, now University Medical Center Brackenridge, into the Seton Family.

He began his government career in Austin in 1978, followed by increasingly responsible roles there. He also served as assistant city manager and deputy city manager in Corpus Christi and returned to Central Texas to become executive director of the Texas Water Commission.

Recognized for many accomplishments, Jesús was named Public Administrator of the Year by the American Society for Public Administration/Centex Chapter and Public Official of the Year by *Governing* magazine. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Texas and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.