



## Section for Health Care Systems 2008 Regional Policy Board Representatives

Nine Regional Policy Boards (RPBs) meet three times a year to foster communication between the AHA, its members and state hospital associations. The RPBs provide input on public policy issues considered by the Board of Trustees, serve as ad hoc policy development committees when appropriate, and identify needs unique to a region and assist in developing programs to meet those needs. The following individuals were nominated by the Health Care Systems governing council to serve on a respective RPB.

### **Region 1**

**David Phelps, delegate**  
President and CEO  
Berkshire Health Systems, Inc.  
Pittsfield, MA

### **M. Michelle Hood, alternate delegate**

President and CEO  
Eastern Maine Health Care  
Brewer, ME

### **Region 2**

**Alan Aviles, delegate**  
President and CEO  
New York City Health & Hospitals  
Corporation  
New York, NY

### **Mark Stensager, delegate**

President/CEO, Guthrie Healthcare System  
Co-CEO, Admin. Affairs, Guthrie Health  
Sayre, PA

### **Region 3**

**Nancy Agee, delegate**  
Executive Vice President and COO  
Carilion Health System  
Roanoke, VA

### **Erik G. Wexler, alternate delegate**

President and COO  
Northwest Hospital Center (LifeBridge)  
Randallstown, MD

### **David Ramsey, alternate delegate**

CEO  
Charleston Area Medical Center

### **Region 6**

**Sara Criger, alternate delegate**  
Vice President and CEO  
St. Joseph's Hospital (HealthEast)  
St. Paul, MN

### **Region 7**

**Karen Sexton, PhD, delegate**  
Vice President  
University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, TX

### **Steven Douglas Weeks, alternate del.**

Senior Vice President & Administrator  
Baptist Health Medical Center  
Little Rock, AR

### **Robert Smith, delegate**

Sr. Vice President, Texas Gulf Coast Region  
Tenet Health Care Corporation  
Dallas, TX

### **Ellen Smith, alternate del.**

CEO  
Dubuis Health System  
Houston, TX

### **Jerri Garison, alternate del.**

President  
Baylor Medical Center @ Plano  
Plano, TX

### **Region 8**

### **Leland Peterson, delegate**

President and CEO  
Sun Health Corporation

Charleston, WV

**Region 4**

**Vince Ford, delegate**

Senior Vice President for Community Health Services  
Palmetto Health  
Columbia, SC

**Larry Sanders, alternate delegate**

President and CEO  
Columbus Regional Healthcare System  
Columbus, GA

**Marvin O'Quinn, delegate**

President of the Public Trust and CEO  
Jackson Health System  
Miami, FL

**Region 5**

**A. David Jimenez, delegate**

Executive Vice President  
Catholic Healthcare Partners  
Cincinnati, OH

**Nick Desien, alternate delegate**

President and CEO  
Ministry Health Care (Marion Health)  
Milwaukee, WI

**Peter Geier, delegate**

Chief Executive Officer  
Ohio State University Health System  
Columbus, OH

**Patricia Maryland, DrPH, alternate delegate**

Market Leader  
Ascension Health  
St. Johns, MI

Sun City, AZ

**James Puffenberger, alternate del.  
President and CEO**

Northern Arizona Healthcare  
Flagstaff, AZ

**Region 9**

**Alan Yordy, delegate**

President and CEO  
PeaceHealth  
Bellevue, WA

**Larry Mullins, delegate**

President and CEO  
Samaritan Health Services  
Corvallis, WA

**Kenneth Clark, alternate delegate**

CEO and Director  
VA Desert Pacific Healthcare System  
Long Beach, CA