



Section for Health Care Systems 2009 Regional Policy Board Representatives

Nine Regional Policy Board (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 committee 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 Healthcare
Brewer, ME

Region 2

Alan Aviles, Delegate
President and CEO
New York City Health and Hospitals
Corporation
New York, NY

Mark Stensager, Delegate
President and CEO, Guthrie Healthcare
System
Co-CEO Admin. Affairs, Guthrie Health
Sayre, PA

Eugene Tangney, Alternate Delegate
Sr. Vice President & Chief Admin.
Officer
North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health
System
Great Neck, NY

Region 3

Nancy Agee, Delegate
Executive Vice President & COO
Carilion Clinic
Roanoke, VA

David Ramsey, Delegate
CEO
Charleston Area Medical Center
Charleston, WV

Erik G. Wexler, Alternate Delegate
President and COO
Northwest Hospital Center (LifeBridge)
Randallstown, MD

Karen Bowling, Alternate Delegate
President and COO
Raleigh General Hospital (LifePoint)
Beckley, WV

Region 4

Larry Sanders, Delegate
Chairman/CEO
Columbus Regional Healthcare System
Columbus, GA

William Anderson, Delegate
President and CEO
Regency Hospital Company
Alpharetta, GA

Pauline Grant, Alternate Delegate
CEO
North Broward Medical Center
Deerfield Beach, FL

Region 5

Linda Smith, Delegate
Medical Center Director
Cincinnati VA Medical Center
Cincinnati, OH

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

Peter Geier, Delegate
CEO
Ohio State University Health System
Columbus, OH

Patricia Maryland, Dr.P.H., Alternate
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Market Leader
Ascension Health
St. Johns, MI

Linda White, Alternate Delegate
President and CEO
Deaconess Health System
Evansville, IN

Randy Oostra, Alternate Delegate
COO
ProMedica Health System
Toledo, OH

Region 6

Alan Sauber, Delegate
Senior Vice President
RehabCare Group, Inc.
St. Louis, MO

Randall Peterson, Alternate Delegate
Senior Vice President
Via Christi Health System
Wichita, KS

Sara Criger, Alternate Delegate
Vice President and CEO
St. Joseph's Hospital (HealthEast Care
System)
St. Paul, MN

Region 7

Karen Sexton, Ph.D., Delegate
Interim Vice President & CEO
University of Texas Medical Branch
Galveston, TX

Robert Smith, Delegate
Senior VP, Texas-Gulf Coast Region
Tenet Health Care Corporation
Dallas, TX

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Senior VP and Administrator
Baptist Health Medical Center
Little Rock, AR

Ellen Smith, Alternate Delegate
CEO
DuBuis Health System
Houston, TX

Jerri Garison, Alternate Delegate
President
Baylor Medical Center at Plano
Plano, TX

Region 8

James Puffenberger, Alternate Delegate
President and CEO
Northern Arizona Healthcare
Flagstaff, AZ

Region 9

Alan Yordy, Delegate
President and CEO
PeaceHealth
Bellevue, WA

Barry Arbuckle, Ph.D., Delegate
President and CEO
MemorialCare Medical Centers
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