

Chair

Ted Hirsch, M.Ed, FACHE

Chief Operating Officer

Northwest Healthcare

And

Administrator

Kalispell, Regional Medical Center

Kalispell, Montana

Mr. Hirsch has over 20 years administrative experience in the healthcare industry managing both acute care and psychiatric/substance abuse hospitals. He is currently the Administrator for Kalispell Regional Medical Center (KRMC) which is a general acute care hospital and CEO of Pathways Treatment Center, a 40 bed psychiatric and substance abuse hospital, both a part of Northwest Healthcare Corporation, Montana..

He holds a Masters degree in education and is a FELLOW in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and serves as ACHE Regent for Montana. He also serves on the American Hospital Association Governance Council for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services.

Following completion of his undergraduate degree in psychology he began his career as a mental health technician in the Otis R. Bowen Community Mental Health Center in Warsaw, Indiana. He then took a position at Hialeah Hospital in South Florida in human resources and became the Director of Human Resources. Later he was appointed Vice President of Operations, psychiatric & substance abuse services, and oversaw human resources and general ancillary departments.

In 1987, Mr. Hirsch accepted the position as Administrator for the Center For Psychiatry at two facilities managed by a hospital management company. The facilities were owned by the Adventist Healthcare System in Punta Gorda and Orlando, Florida. The Orlando facility was comprised of 141 inpatient beds which included eight specialty units, two free-standing hospitals, and three outpatient locations.

In 1993, Mr. Hirsch became the Regional Administrator for the SSM Healthcare System, Behavioral Services Division and oversaw 220 licensed inpatient beds, multiple outpatient locations, and developed a specialty multi-state behavioral managed care and EAP company.

In 1996 he took the position of Chief Executive Officer of Meadow Pines Hospital, a 94 bed private psychiatric hospital in Longview, Texas. The facility offered inpatient acute psychiatric and substance abuse services, residential treatment for youth, and a 48 bed women offender treatment center.

In 1999, Mr. Hirsch moved to Northwest Montana. In addition to his responsibilities with Northwest Healthcare, he began to offer expert and administrative consulting services to psychiatric hospitals and the legal community.

Mr. Hirsch has published in specialty topic areas of consultation liaison psychiatry services and human resource management. He has served as Part Editor of the Handbook of Mental Health Administration and Management, Principles of Human Resource Management.

Past-Chair

Richard T. Palmisano II

President and CEO

Northern Berkshire Healthcare, Inc.

North Adams, Massachusetts

Mr. Palmisano serves as the President and CEO of Northern Berkshire Healthcare, a regional health system located in northwestern Massachusetts. NBH serves a three state catchment area including western New York and southern Vermont in addition to Massachusetts. Anchored by North Adams Regional Hospital, the system also includes Sweet Brook Transitional Care Center, a 184 bed rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility, Sweetwood Continuing Care Retirement Community, VNA and Hospice of the Northern Berkshires and REACH a community health foundation. NBH has been in the forefront of health information technology having been cited as the first health system in the United States with a community-wide electronic medical record. Recently NBH was recognized by the American Heart Association as only one of three health systems in Massachusetts to achieve best practice on multiple cardiac care indicators.

Prior to joining Northern Berkshire Healthcare, Inc. Richard Palmisano was the president and chief executive officer of the Retreat Healthcare in Brattleboro, Vermont for over 9 years. The Brattleboro Retreat is the premier psychiatric treatment facility in Northern New England, specializing in psychiatric and addiction services for all populations of patients, including children, adolescents, adults and the elderly. The service continuum includes a 149-bed psychiatric hospital, scattered housing residential programs and ambulatory care clinics serving Vermont. In addition to treatment services the Retreat operates a Management Services Organization which provides licensed utilization review, administrative and network management services to payers on an at risk and fee for service basis.

Mr. Palmisano's previous positions include co-chief executive of Aurora Behavioral Health Services, the corporate wide organization for behavioral health provider and managed care services within Aurora Health Care, an integrated delivery system in Eastern Wisconsin, president and chief executive officer of Next Generation Health Care, a health care consulting firm and management services organization specializing in behavioral health care, vice president of Allina Behavioral Health Services, with overall profit and loss responsibility for Behavioral Health Services of Allina Health System, vice president of HealthSpan Behavioral Health Services and president and managing director of Behavioral Health Services Inc, both part of HealthSpan Health Systems Corporation, a merger of Health One and Abbott Northwestern Hospital/LifeSpan consisting of four major hospitals in the Twin Cities area, chief operating officer of Abbott Northwestern Hospital, and chief executive officer of Charter Hospital and Counseling Services of Sacramento, California.

Mr. Palmisano has served on numerous organizations, including president, National Psychiatric Alliance, State of Vermont Human Resource Investment Council, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems Benchmarking Committee, Vermont Business Roundtable, Governors Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health, State of Wisconsin, and President, Minnesota Behavioral Health Care Coalition.

Mr. Palmisano received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1982 from Northwestern University in Chicago and a Master of Science in Nursing Management in 1989 from Northwestern University, Center for Nursing. He also attended the University of Illinois in Chicago from 1976 to 1981 and completed a major in psychology, specializations in mental health, developmental disabilities and business organizational psychology.

Chair-Elect

Anil Godbole, M.D.

*Chairman, Department of Psychiatry
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois*

Anil Godbole, M.D., currently chairs the psychiatry departments at Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. He also chairs the Advocate Behavioral Health Council. From 1995 to 1999, Dr. Godbole was corporate medical director for behavioral health services for Advocate Health Care, and from 1997 to 2001, he also functioned as medical director of a joint venture managed care company. Dr. Godbole is a clinical associate professor at University of Illinois School of Medicine at Chicago and is actively engaged in undergraduate and residency programs.

He recently served as President Bush's appointee to the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, and he chaired its Subcommittee on Evidence-based Practices and co-chaired its Subcommittee on Older Adults. Dr. Godbole served as president of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems for two years (2001-2002). During his term, Dr. Godbole led initiatives that fostered collaboration with other organizations on developing a core set of performance measures and working with CMS on inpatient PPS. He has been an active member of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee for the Illinois Hospital Association for several years, and has chaired the committee. Dr. Godbole also served as an elected councilor for the Illinois Psychiatric Society (2001-2003) and co-chaired its Economic Affairs Committee. He has also served on the behavioral health section of the Professional and Technical Advisory Committee of JCAHO. Dr. Godbole remains an active member of NAMI-Illinois and the Mental Health Association of Illinois. He recently served on AHA's Behavioral Health Task Force.

A distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Society, Dr. Godbole's career spans more than 30 years. He has authored several articles, presented at various national meetings, and was the founding president of a 100-physician multispecialty Independent Physicians Association affiliated with Ravenswood Hospital. Dr. Godbole received his medical degree in India at MGM Medical College and completed his residency in psychiatry at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

AHA Board Liaison

Marilyn Bowcutt, RN, MSN
Vice President, Patient Care Services
University Health System
Augusta, Georgia

She was the 2005 president of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE). Ms. Bowcutt has been an AONE member for 20 years, serving on numerous committees and task forces. She has chaired AONE's finance committee and was a member of the executive committee. In addition, Bowcutt is a member of the Center for Nursing Leadership, the Rand Healthcare Roundtable for Nurse Executives, and the health care advisory board. In 2002, Bowcutt was the Georgia Nurses Association 10th District Nurse of the Year, and she was Administrator of the Year in 2000. In 2004, she was awarded the 2004 Best Nurse Leader for Encouraging Staff Potential by ADVANCE for Nurses.

Ms. Bowcutt holds a master of science in nursing administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, and a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.

Terms Expires 2008

Joan M. Herbert

Administrator

Medical University of South Carolina

Institute of Psychiatry

Charleston, South Carolina

Joan M. Herbert has been involved in the field of psychiatric and substance abuse treatment for almost 30 years. Her career has included direct patient care, professional education, and administrative roles in both the private and public sectors. For the past eleven years she has provided leadership to the psychiatric and substance abuse service line, the Institute of Psychiatry, at the Medical University of South Carolina, which includes five inpatient treatment units, five partial hospital programs, two intensive outpatient programs, and six sites for office-based outpatient services. Ms. Herbert served as AHA's Principal to The Joint Commissions Mental Health Professional and Technical Advisory Committee for 2006-2007.

In 1999, Ms. Herbert established the Psychiatry Consumer Advisory Council, a group of mental health/substance abuse consumers, family members, and representatives of mental health advocacy organizations that influences planning and decision making within the Institute of Psychiatry. Ms. Herbert has established active, collaborative relationships with other providers in the community, including the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, and the private inpatient hospital serving the local area. She is an active member of the Behavioral Health Section Council of the South Carolina Hospital Association, and a Board Member and Treasurer of NAMI-SC. She served on the South Carolina Freedom Commission Committee, which recommended implementation strategies for meeting the goals delineated in President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health.

Ms. Herbert received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and her master's degree in psychiatric nursing from the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Todd Krass

CEO

Research Psychiatric Center

Kansas City, Missouri

Todd Krass has been with the Research Psychiatric Center – a 100-bed freestanding psychiatric hospital – for 13 years, the last nine as its chief executive officer. During this time, he has also been responsible for the administration of behavioral health services systemwide, across the 11-hospital HCA Midwest Division. Mr. Krass implemented standardized assessment and documentation tools across the system, as well as a regional behavioral health access call center. Previously, he served as the Research Psychiatric Center's director of patient care services. In all, Mr. Krass has 25 years of clinical, managerial, and administrative experience in psychiatric treatment settings.

His involvement in the Missouri Hospital Association Psychiatric Units and Hospitals Constituency Group, the Kansas City Metropolitan Hospital Council, and the Kansas City Area Psychiatric Taskforce has allowed him to help these groups collaborate to the benefit of all psychiatric hospitals in the area. In addition, Mr. Krass has been active in creating collaborative relationships between public and private behavioral health providers in the Kansas City area. All of these relationships have made him instrumental in efforts to: create a successful mechanism that utilizes public funds to purchase private inpatient behavioral health beds to address the regional shortage of public beds; promote dialogue between the states of Missouri and Kansas to address the shortage of these beds in the Kansas City area; and develop the EMSystem Psychiatric Screen for the region that tracks psychiatric bed availability. A member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Mr. Krass received his bachelor's degree in nursing from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and his master's degree in nursing from Corpus Christi State University in Texas.

Terms Expires 2009

Carol Ashton-Hergenhan
Chair of the Board
Friends Hospital
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Carol Ashton-Hergenhan is chair of the Board of Managers of Friends Hospital, Philadelphia, and a board member of Jeanes Hospital, a member of the Temple University Hospital System. She also serves on the boards of the Anna T. Jeanes Foundation and is a board member and treasurer of the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation. She is an experienced communications and quality professional and has gained extensive background in a variety of industries, including financial services and health care.

Ms. Ashton-Hergenhan is a member of the American Society for Quality, the National Communication Association, the Six Sigma Forum, and the Board Source.

Ms. Ashton-Hergenhan received her bachelor's degree in design from the University of the Arts and her master's degree in corporate communication from Temple University.

Mark Eastburg, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mark Eastburg is president and chief executive officer of Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Pine Rest provides a variety of behavioral health services throughout Michigan including inpatient psychiatric care, 23 outpatient clinics, and 250 residential care beds, among other programs. Dr. Eastburg has held several positions with Pine Rest, including corporate director and clinical director of Pine Rest's Professional Practice Group, director of new program development, director of mission effectiveness, and director of the Psychological Consultation Center.

Previous he has been the executive director of Pine Rest Family Institute, and the executive director of Healthy Marriages Grand Rapids. In addition, he was director of psycho oncology at the Richard J. Lacks Cancer Center of Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center.

Dr. Eastburg is an author and lecturer on mental health topics. In addition, he has received grants to conduct research in a review of neuropsychological screening instruments and to develop a curriculum for training professional staff in fundamental principles of neuropsychological assessment. His is a member of the board of directors of Covenant Retirement Communities.

Dr. Eastburg received his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, his doctorate in clinical psychology from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology, Pasadena, California, and his master's degree from the Fuller School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

Robin Henderson, Psy.D.
Director, Behavioral Health Services
St. Charles Medical Center

Cascade Healthcare Community

Prior to St. Charles, Dr. Robin Henderson was the Director, Behavioral Health Services at Eastmoreland & Woodland Park hospitals, and practiced as a psychologist, working primarily with Native American children and families. In addition to this, she managed four psychiatric units across two hospitals including an adolescent unit and two geriatric units, and two-day treatment programs. She has also worked in multiple dual-diagnosis settings with a variety of populations.

Presently, Dr. Henderson is the Director of Behavioral Health Services at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend and Redmond, Oregon since 2001. She manages two psychiatric facilities, an outpatient clinic with services in 13 locations, acute social work services across two hospitals, the hospital's Employee Assistance Program, a psychiatric consult/liaison service with six psychiatrists, and Spiritual Care Services across two hospitals. Over the next three years, she and several colleagues will be implementing a Certified Pastoral Education program and a psychiatric residency in conjunction with Oregon Health Sciences University for PGY 3 & 4 medical residents. Dr. Robin Henderson designed, fundraised and built both psychiatric units-the first units east of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon.

Dr. Henderson is the Chair of the Oregon Psychiatric Inpatient Committee, which is affiliated with the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and has served on several interim Legislative Committees, most recently looking at Oregon's mental health system of care in relationship to the redesign of the Oregon State Hospital, and others targeted at the system of care needs in Central and Eastern Oregon. She is a board member of the Cascades East Area Health Education Council, and of the Central Oregon Board of Trillium Family Services, a children's mental health program with services throughout Oregon. She has recently been appointed to the steering committee for the state's Behavioral Health Information Project, part of the redesign of the state hospital system in Oregon. She also serves as President of the Oregon Psychological Association, and is an active member of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Robin Henderson has earned her Masters and Doctorate degree at George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon. She is also a licensed Clinical Psychologist in the State of Oregon

Gayle Jensen-Savoie, LPC, LMFT, LCDC, AAC, SAP
Director of Behavioral Medicine and Social Services
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano/Seay Behavioral Health Center
Plano, Texas

Gayle Jensen-Savoie is director of Behavioral Medicine at the Seay Behavioral Health Center and the director of Social Services at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano, Texas. She is responsible for the supervision of psychiatric department, both inpatient and outpatient services and the social services department for all the patients in the medical hospital setting. Prior to this, she was the director of the psychiatric and substance abuse program at Baylor/Richardson Medical Center and she was program director of Child/Adolescent Services at Denton County MHMR.

Ms. Jensen-Savoie is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Texas Psychological Association, Collin County Substance Abuse Coalition, and the United Way. She is a current member and past chair of the Collin County Community Resource Coalition. She also serves on the executive board of Practical Parenting Education and is chair of its Fund Development Committee.

Ms. Jensen-Savoie received her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in clinical psychology from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. She is currently enrolled in a general psychology doctoral program.

Richard A. Paul

*Director of Behavioral Health
Miller-Dwan Medical Center
St. Mary's Duluth Clinic
Duluth, Minnesota*

Mr. Paul has been director of behavioral health at St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic in Duluth, Minnesota, since 2002. He is responsible for all behavioral health services, including both inpatient and ambulatory services. Prior to joining St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic, he was managing partner in psychiatry for MeritCare Health System in Fargo, North Dakota, and director of behavioral health services at Allina Health System United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Paul has been a lecturer at the University of North Dakota Medical School and was co-chair of the clinical issues/scope of practice workgroup and a member of the strategic planning committee of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. In addition, he was a consultant to the North Dakota Department of Human Services and a member of the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Mental Health Association.

Mr. Paul received his bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, and his master's degree from North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Terms Expires 2010

Scott Bond

*Chief Executive
Southwest Washington Service Area
Washington/Montana Region
Providence Health and Services
Olympia, Washington*

Providence Health and Services provides hospital care, long term care, low income housing, primary care clinics, home health and hospice care, rehabilitation, and ambulatory surgery within the Southwest Washington Service Area. Comprised of the five counties of Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor and Pacific, Mr. Bond's service area includes two hospitals, Providence Centralia Hospital and Providence St. Peter Hospital, as well as overall responsibility for the market area. Providence St. Peter Hospital is the inpatient acute provider of psychiatric services for the five county area.

Mr. Bond received his Masters in Health Administration from the University of Washington, after completing his Bachelors degree in Economics at Central Washington State University. Scott and his wife, Renae, have four sons and live in Olympia.

Scott is the Immediate Past Chair of the Washington State Hospital Association; Board Chair of CHOICE Regional Health Network; member, Board member of The Washington Center for Performing Arts; Rotary Club of Olympia and former Board Member, Hands On Children's Museum.

Scott has worked for the Providence Health System for over 25 years. Prior to coming to Olympia in 1994, Scott served as the Administrator of Providence Hospital-Everett.

Paul A. Jeffrey

*Vice President/Administrator
Wesley Long Community Hospital
Moses Cone Health System
Greensboro, North Carolina*

Paul Jeffrey has been vice president/administrator of Wesley Long Community Hospital, a 200-bed general acute care community hospital, since early 2007. Before this, he had been vice president of the behavioral health center of Moses Cone Health System since 2004. Previously, Mr. Jeffrey served in 2002-2003 as chief executive officer of Select Specialty Hospital, a 40-bed acute care hospital in Miami, Florida, that is part of Select Medical Corporation. From 1994 to 2001, Mr. Jeffrey served in three different roles as part of HCA Healthcare Corporation: as associate vice president of Cedars Medical Center, assistant administrator of Aventura Hospital and Medical Center, and managed care specialist for HCA Healthcare's South Florida Division. In 1993-1994, he was director of marketing and managed care for Charter Behavioral Hospital of Miami. Earlier, he served Charter Medical Corporation as physician liaison and intake/referrals coordinator.

A member of the American Hospital Association's Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services Governing Council, whose term expires in 2007, Mr. Jeffrey also serves on the steering committee of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems' Committee on Behavioral Health Services within General Healthcare Systems; as a board member, treasurer, and public policy co-chair for the Greensboro Mental Health Association; as a board member and program development chair of Family Services of the Piedmont; and as a member of the Greensboro Latino Professional Forum.

Mr. Jeffrey graduated in psychology from the University of Florida in Gainesville and received his master's degree in business administration from Florida International University in Miami.

William D. Montague

*Medical Center Director (CEO)
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center
Cleveland, Ohio*

William Montague has been Medical Center Director (CEO) of Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center since 1997. Previously, he served as CEO of Montrose (NY) VA Medical Center for two years. Before that, he did a brief stint as acting CEO of Bath (NY) VA Medical Center, following three years as COO of Pittsburgh (PA) VA Medical Center and four years as COO of Syracuse (NY) VA Medical Center. Mr. Montague has been in hospital administration in VA hospitals since 1975.

A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Mr. Montague has been president and board chairman for the past 11 years of the Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Research and Education Foundation. He also chairs the board of CHAMPS, the for-profit subsidiary of the Center for Health Affairs (formerly the Cleveland Hospital Association). He is a past chairman and present board member of the Federal Executive Association and a board member of the National Association of VA Research Foundations and the Cleveland Blood Services of the American Red Cross. Mr. Montague's contributions have been recognized with several awards, including the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award (2000, 2006), ACHE's Regent's Award (2006), and Federal Employee of the Year (2000).

Mr. Montague received both his bachelor's degree in business administration and his master's degree in hospital administration from Xavier University.

Bruce J. Schwartz, M.D.

*Executive Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs & Clinical Director
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center
Bronx, New York*

Dr. Bruce Schwartz has been clinical director of psychiatry for Montefiore Medical Center since 1985 and executive vice chairman for clinical affairs in the hospital's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences since 2000. He also helped create a behavioral management services organization in 1995, for which he serves as president, CEO, and medical director, and he has been president of the Montefiore Behavioral Care IPA, Inc. since 1997.

Dr. Schwartz is committed to the AHA's vision of integrated delivery systems demonstrated through service on committees for many organizations, including the Greater New York Hospital Association's PPS Psychiatry Advisory Workgroup and Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Committee, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's NYPD – Emergency Departments Task Force, The New York Academy of Medicine's Committee on Admission, and the Mental Health Association of New York City's Professional Advisory Board (Chairman), Strategic Planning Committee, and Board of Directors. Dr. Schwartz is also the past-chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's Council of Healthcare Systems and Financing.

Dr. Schwartz has published and presented on psychiatric issues in numerous venues and publications, and he has won several awards and been honored as a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. A graduate of the City University of New York, Queens College, Dr. Schwartz earned his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical College in Brooklyn.

Diane Gail Stewart

*Chief Administrative Officer
Sutter Mental Health and Continuing Care Services
Sacramento, California and
President and CEO
Sutter Health Pacific
Oahu, Hawaii*

Diane Gail Stewart has been in the top administrative role at Sutter Mental Health and Continuing Care Services and the top executive role at Sutter Health Pacific since 1993. She moved from administrator to CAO of the Sacramento programs and facilities in 1998. Before joining the Sutter system, Ms. Stewart spent two decades working for Healthcare International, Inc., through which she was administrator of both the Oaks Treatment Center of the Brown Schools, Inc. in Austin, Texas, and West Oaks, the Psychiatric Institute of Houston. During her three years as director of psychiatric services in the corporate office of Healthcare International, Inc., Ms. Stewart opened five freestanding psychiatric hospitals and served as interim administrator of both a psychiatric hospital and a rehabilitation facility. She is a member of the California Hospital Association Center for Behavioral Health and a former chair of the Nominating Committee and former member of the Executive Committee of the CHA Board of Behavioral Health. Ms. Stewart is currently a board member of WIND Youth Services.

Ms. Stewart received both her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's degree in special education – learning disabilities from the University of Texas at Austin.

Debbie Tanner

*VP/Administrator
Riverside Behavioral Health Center
2244 Executive Drive
Hampton, VA 23666*

Ms. Tanner has served as vice president and administrator of Riverside Behavioral Health Center since 2002. Riverside Behavioral Health is a 135 bed freestanding psychiatric hospital and part of Riverside Health System. As administrator she oversees a comprehensive program providing inpatient and outpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency services to children, adolescents and adults. She has been with the system since 1988, in a variety of roles, including director of the Riverside Surgery Center, and as the surgical services educator and coordinator at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

Ms. Tanner current serves on the Virginia Supreme Court Task Force on Mental Health Law Reform, and has recently been a participant in the state of Virginia's Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission. She remains active in the nursing field and is currently a member of the Virginia Organization of Nurse Executives. She's served on a variety of boards including the Virginia Ambulatory Surgery Association and the AORN Board of Directors.

In the fall of 2006 Ms. Tanner attending the Section's Governing Council meeting at her own expense. Ms. Tanner received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Christopher Newport University, and her masters of science in management from Troy State University.

Regional Policy Board/RPB

Dennis P. King-Delegate RPB 1
*Chief Executive Officer
Spring Harbor Hospital
Westbrook, Maine*

Dennis King has been CEO of Spring Harbor Hospital, a freestanding psychiatric hospital, since 1998. Before his current position, Mr. King spent more than eight years as president and CEO of Acadia Hospital in Bangor, Maine, an acute care psychiatric and chemical dependency hospital, and as vice president of Eastern Maine Healthcare, a large integrated health system in Bangor. He has worked within behavioral health systems for over 25 years, and his experience encompasses behavioral health services within a general hospital setting, within a large academic center, and psychiatric facility management as a freestanding organization.

Mr. King is a past chairman and current board member of the Maine Hospital Association, as well as chair of MHA's Governmental Relations Council and a member of the association's Behavioral Health Council. He sits on several boards of financial, academic, and community institutions, and has served on the board and as president of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) and as a member of the American Hospital Association's House of Delegates and AHA's Health Systems Section governing council. Mr. King is also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives' regents advisory council.

Mr. King received both his bachelor's degree in public management and his master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine at Orono.

Patricia R. Recupero, J.D., M.D.-Alternate Delegate RPB 1

President and Chief Executive Officer

Butler Hospital

Providence, Rhode Island

President and CEO of Butler Hospital and executive vice president for behavioral health of Care New England since January 1999, Dr. Patricia Recupero has extensive experience in the field of mental health. A member of Butler Hospital's staff since 1989, she has served the hospital both administratively and clinically as executive vice president, vice president of systems integration and managed care, medical director, chief of forensic psychiatry, director of managed care, and director of alcohol and drug inpatient services. Board certified in forensic psychiatry and addiction psychiatry, Dr. Recupero is clinical professor of psychiatry at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and has been a member of Brown's Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior since 1989, including serving as the psychiatry residency training director.

Dr. Recupero is president-elect of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and past president of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems. She serves as area representative of the American Psychiatric Association Assembly and is a member of the Assembly Executive Committee for Area I. She is also the chairperson of the Manfred S. Guttmacher Award Committee, chair of the Workgroup on Cyber Medicine, and has just completed a lengthy term as a member of the Council of Psychiatry and the Law. With a long history of advocating for the rights of the mentally ill as a psychiatrist and administrator, Dr. Recupero was recognized by the National Association of the Mentally Ill as an Exemplary Psychiatrist and was cited for her extensive knowledge of the clinical, operational, and legislative aspects of behavioral health. She also served a two-year term as president of the Rhode Island Psychiatric Society.

With degrees in both medicine and the law, Dr. Recupero draws upon a unique set of skills, knowledge, and expertise to effectively advocate for mental health. She received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York College at New Paltz, her legal degree from Boston College, and her medical degree from Brown University.

Tammy L. Powell-Delegate-RPB 7 FACHE

Chief Nursing Officer

Vice President, Behavior Medicine

St. Anthony Hospital

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Ms. Powell's career includes fifteen years experience in the mental health and substance abuse field. Ms. Powell currently serves as the Vice President of Behavior Medicine at St. Anthony Hospital, the largest provider of mental health services in Oklahoma. The two campus Behavior Medicine Network includes a continuum of outpatient, acute and residential treatment services. Ms. Powell provides knowledge and experience in facilitating quality initiatives through her participation and receipt of the Oklahoma Quality Award and Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award.

Liza Jensen, LCSW-Alternate Delegate RPB 7

Executive Director

Department of Behavioral Medicine

Methodist Healthcare System

San Antonio, Texas

Liza Jensen serves as the Executive Director with Methodist Healthcare System. She has been in the healthcare field for over 22 years and has extensive experience in quality assurance, performance improvement and regulatory compliance. In her current position, she provides oversight for 105 inpatient beds and outpatient services for partial hospital and intensive outpatient services. Her facility catchment area provides psychiatric care for the 56 surrounding counties in South Texas, making MHS is the largest private psychiatric provider of acute care beds in the San Antonio community.

Ms. Jensen is a board certified diplomat in clinical social work and she is also certified as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner and through the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

A graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, Ms. Jensen received her master's degree in social work from Our Lady of the Lake University, also in San Antonio, where she taught evening graduate courses in clinical programs with course expertise in group therapy and psychopathology.

Appointments

Anita Everett, M.D. D.F.A.P.A.-AHA Liaison to APA

Section Director

Community and General Psychiatry

John Hopkins School of Medicine

Bayview Campus

Baltimore, Maryland

Dr Everett currently leads the Johns Hopkins Bayview Community Psychiatry program in Baltimore MD. She is on the faculty of the school of medicine and has a joint appointment in the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health. Her current area of research interest is the health of individuals with long term mental illnesses. Prior to joining the Johns Hopkins staff, Dr Everett served as the Chief Medical Advisor to the US, HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in Rockville, MD. Dr Everett is active in a number of professional organizations at a national level including the American Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Community psychiatrists. She participates in the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry the Maryland Psychiatric Society. She has worked in state level mental health and public policy as the Virginia Inspector General to the state facility system. In Virginia she participated in a number of legislative activities that involved the Virginia Hospital and Health Care Association. Too often in the last two decades, funding mechanisms have dictated the types of services that can be delivered in private as well as public settings. Currently in her role as chair of the APA Council on Healthcare Systems and Finance, she hopes to promote and empower psychiatrists and other healthcare providers to become more proactively engaged in the decision processes regarding what types of services are paid for so that the consumers and patients we serve have greater opportunity to participate meaningfully in the community of their choice.

William Rea, M.D.-AHA Liaison to NIAAA

Director, Inpatient Psychiatric Services

Carilion Medical Center

Roanoke, Virginia

William Rea, M.D., has been worked at Carilion Medical Center since 2000, and became director of inpatient psychiatric services there in 2004. Among his other positions, he is an associate professor of clinical psychiatric medicine at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, as well as a member of the UVA Academy of Distinguished Educators. Dr. Rea has been involved in hospital-based addiction treatment since completing his psychiatric residency at Yale University in 1981. He was certified in the treatment of alcohol and other drug dependencies by the American Society of Addiction Medicine from 1993 to 2003, and certified in addiction psychiatry since 1993. As a hospitalist and clinical administrator, Dr. Rea designed and administered substance abuse programs in Florida at several private psychiatric hospitals including Lake Hospital of the Palm Beaches, Fair Oaks Hospital at Boca/Delray, and CPC Fort Lauderdale Hospital.

Dr. Rea served as an evaluator for the Florida Board of Nursing for impairment in nurses and was involved in providing recovery services to physicians, nurses, lawyers, and dentists. From 2000 to 2004, Dr. Rea was a Governor's Scholar in Rural Psychiatry for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has lectured about addiction to regional and national audiences, including the American College of Occupational Medicine, the Florida Psychiatric Society, and the Iowa Department of Corrections. Dr. Rea serves on the boards of Bethany Hall Residential Drug Treatment Program and Roanoke Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in biology, Dr. Rea received his medical degree from Yale University's School of Medicine.
