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MARIBETH MCLAUGHLIN R.N., B.S.N., M.P.M., TO LEAD AHA CONSTITUENCY SECTION FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON – January 26, 2015 – Maribeth McLaughlin R.N., B.S.N., M.P.M., chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC in Pittsburgh, is the 2015 chair of the American Hospital Association’s (AHA) Section for Maternal and Child Health Governing Council. The council is a 15-member body, which comprises CEOs and senior executives from the nation’s women’s and children’s hospitals and health care providers. As chair, McLaughlin will lead the AHA Constituency Section for Maternal and Child Health council on discussions focused on public policy issues concerning women’s and children’s health, hospitals serving that patient population and AHA member service strategies.

McLaughlin has 30 years of health care experience with particular emphasis on strategic planning, organizational development, performance improvement, leadership development and patient and family centered care.

She serves as a service line administrator for women’s health services across the University of Pittsburgh Medical Health System and serves on the UPMC System Quality Committee of the Board. She is the current president for The Council of Women’s and Infants’ Specialty Hospitals (CWISH), a women’s health organization that comprises 13 non-competing hospitals with high-volume obstetrical care, which collaborate and share information about programs, best practices and national policy. She received her nursing degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and her Master of Public Management from Carnegie Mellon University, also in Pittsburgh.

Jim Shmerling, president and CEO, Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, Colo., will serve as chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2016. Angela Scioscia, M.D., chief medical officer, University of California San Diego Medical Center, San Diego, is the immediate past chair.

Newly elected to three-year terms expiring in 2017 on the council include: **Mary Dee Hacker, M.B.A., R.N., NEA-BC, FAAN**, vice president, patient center services and chief nursing officer, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles; **Sarah Kirby**, acute care executive, Palmetto Health Baptist Parkridge, Columbia, S.C.; **John. F. Rodis, M.D.**, chair, department of obstetrics and gynecology, director, women & children's health services, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn.; **Judith Rogers**, president and CEO, Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Md.; and **Tom Shufflebarger**, executive vice president and COO, Children's Hospital of Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.

The new council members join the following current members: Charlotte Ipsan, R.N.C., M.S.N., NPP-BC, president, Norton Women's and Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, Ky.; Karen Cox, R.N., PNP-BC, Ph.D., NEA-BC, FAAN, executive vice president/co-COO, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Mo.; Damita Williams, Ed.D., M.S.N., R.N., C.N.P, NE-BC, chief nursing officer, Methodist Children's Hospital and Women's Pavilion, San Antonio, Texas; Joseph Wright, M.D., M.P.H., professor and chairman, department of pediatrics and child health, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington; Patricia M. DePompei, R.N., M.S.N., president, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and MacDonald Women's Hospital, Cleveland; DeWayne M. Pursley, M.D., M.P.H., chief, department of neonatology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston; and Deborah T. Zimmermann, D.N.P., R.N., NEA-BC, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services, VCU Health System, Richmond, Va. Constance A. Howes, Esq., executive vice president for women's health, Care New England, Providence, R.I. serves as the AHA board liaison to the AHA Constituency Section for Maternal and Child Health.

About the AHA Constituency Section for Maternal and Child Health

AHA's Constituency Section for Maternal and Child Health supports hospital providers of women's and children's health services as they build systems of care to improve the health status of their communities. The Section is guided by a governing council composed of leaders representing some of the country's leading hospitals and maternal and health providers. Governing council members serve as elected representatives of their member peers. They advise the AHA on member service strategies, public policy issues, advocacy positions, and emerging issues, as well as serve as a channel back to the maternal and child health field.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA website at www.aha.org.

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