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News Release

Nick W. Turkal, M.D., to Chair AHA's Constituency Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council

WASHINGTON (January 12, 2016)– Nick W. Turkal, M.D., president and CEO of Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, is the 2016 chairman of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) constituency section for Health Care Systems Governing Council.

Turkal has been the CEO and president at Aurora Health Care since October 2006. Turkal has served as chief medical officer of Aurora Health Care and as senior vice president and president of Aurora health care system's metro region, and he has led many of Aurora's clinical functions, including care management, quality initiatives and clinical research programs. From 1997 to 2001, he served as vice president for academic affairs and senior associate dean for the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Turkal graduated in 1978 from the College of Arts and Sciences at Creighton in Omaha, Neb., with a bachelor's degree in biology and from its School of Medicine in 1982. He is a board certified family practitioner.

In addition to the AHA Governing Council for Health Care Systems, Turkal is a member of the Creighton University board of trustees; the board of directors of AboutHealth, a Wisconsin network of integrated health care systems; the board of directors of StartUp Health, a health care transformation company; the board of directors of Metropolitan

Milwaukee Association of Commerce; and the board of directors United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. He is a past chair of the Wisconsin Hospital Association board of directors. He also has served on the board of directors of Premier and the Greater Milwaukee Committee, a coalition of businesses based in Milwaukee.

Aurora Health Care is an integrated, not-for-profit and all-for-people health care provider serving communities throughout eastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Aurora got its start in 1984 when two established Milwaukee hospitals, St. Luke's Medical Center and Good Samaritan Medical Center, came together to form Aurora Health Care. Today, the system is the state's largest private employer, with more than 31,000 employees, 6,300 registered nurses and nearly 1,500 employed physicians. It serves communities throughout eastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, with 15 hospitals, more than 150 clinics and 70 pharmacies in 30 communities. The system strives to offer services that are close to home and help make the whole community healthier.

Joseph D. McDonald, FACHE, president and CEO of Catholic Health System in Buffalo, N.Y., is the chairman-elect of the AHA constituency section for Health Care Systems Governing Council and will assume the role of chairman in 2017. Patrick E. Fry, retired president and CEO of Sutter Health in Sacramento, Calif., is the immediate past chair.

Returning governing council members are: Carl Armato, president and CEO, Novant Health, Winston-Salem, N.C.; David Blom, president and CEO, OhioHealth Corporation, Columbus, Ohio; Marna Borgstrom, president and CEO, Yale New Haven Health System, New Haven, Conn.; Ruth Brinkley, FACHE, senior vice president, Catholic Health Initiatives and president and CEO, KentuckyOne Health, Louisville, Ky.; Steve J. Corwin, M.D., CEO, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York; Lloyd Dean, president and CEO, Dignity Health, San Francisco; Jesus Garza, president and CEO, Seton Healthcare Family and Ascension Ministry Market Leader Texas/Arizona, Austin, Texas; Richard Gilfillan, M.D., president and CEO, Trinity Health, Livonia, Mich.; Rodney Hochman, M.D., president and CEO, Providence Health & Services, Renton, Wash.; Larry Kaiser, M.D., president and CEO, Temple University Health System, Philadelphia;

Barry H. Ostrowsky, president and CEO, Barnabas Health, West Orange, N.J.; and Michael Slubowski, FACHE, CEO, SCL Health, Denver.

New appointees elected to serve on the council for three-year terms are: Chris Colenda, M.D., M.P.H., president and CEO, West Virginia United Health System, Fairmont, W.Va.; David C. Herman, M.D., president and CEO, Essentia Health, Duluth, Minn.; Edward Jimenez, chief executive officer, UF Health Shands, Gainesville, Fla.; Stephen Mansfield, Ph.D., FACHE, president and CEO, Methodist Health System, Dallas; and C. Wright Pinson, M.D., deputy vice chancellor for health affairs and chief executive officer, Vanderbilt Health System, Nashville, Tenn.

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.