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NEWS RELEASE

STUART A. BUTTLAIRE, Ph.D., M.B.A., TO LEAD AHA'S SECTION FOR PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

(WASHINGTON) February 4, 2015 – Stuart A. Buttlair, Ph.D., M.B.A., regional director of inpatient psychiatry and continuing care, Kaiser Permanet Northern California (KPNC) in Oakland, Calif., is the 2015 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Constituency Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services. The governing council represents 1,660 behavioral health providers across the country. During his one-year term, Dr. Buttlair and the 18-person governing council will work with the AHA to identify ways to define and focus AHA policy, advocacy and member resources to improve the quality, efficiency and delivery of psychiatric and substance abuse services.

As regional director, Buttlair is responsible for the behavioral health care services for 3.5 million Kaiser members and at 35 medical centers. He has led the redesign of inpatient and intensive mental health care for Kaiser, established a psychiatric advice and crisis line and developed best practices in case management, gero-psychiatry, multi-family treatment, hospital alternative programs and crisis and emergency intervention services. He is also the lead behavioral health professional at Kaiser for implementing Medicaid expansion for KPNC. Prior to coming to Kaiser in 1987, Buttlair was chief of acute and subacute services for Marin County Mental Health. He has more than 30 years of clinical and management experience, providing leadership and direction in health care delivery in both the public and private sectors.

Buttlaire was elected to the California Hospital Association Behavioral Health Board in 2008, and served as co-chair of the Institute for Behavioral Healthcare Improvement Collaborative on Emergency Department and Behavioral Health in 2007-2008. He has served on numerous national quality panels, most recently involving involuntary seclusion procedures, and is president of the board of directors of the Institute for Behavioral Healthcare Improvement. In both 1997 and 2002, Buttlaire was awarded “Most Valuable Psychologist in Northern California” by the Kaiser Permanente Regional Psychological Society, and he received the 2005 Chair of the Chiefs of Psychiatry Award. Buttlaire also served as behavioral health representative on the State Programs Policy Implementation Group.

A graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder, Buttlaire has a doctorate in clinical psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies and a master’s degree in business administration with an emphasis on health care management, finance and marketing from the University of California, Irvine.

Wayne Young, senior vice president of behavioral health, JPS Health Network, Fort Worth, Texas, is the chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2016.

New governing council members are: Judi Bishop, director, Colorado Plains Medical Center, Ft. Morgan, Colo.; Daniel B. Coffey, president and CEO, Acadia Hospital and senior vice president, EMHS, Bangor, Maine; Kari Martin, M.D./O.D., assistant professor of psychiatry and consultant, Department of Psychiatry & Psychology, Mayo Clinic Hospital, Phoenix; Joseph Miller, Ph.D./Psy.D., corporate director, Neuroscience, Behavioral Health, Orthopedics & Rehabilitation Medicine at Meridian Health and clinical instructor, Department of Psychiatry, Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Red Bank, N.J.; and Harsh K. Trivedi, M.D., executive director and chief medical officer, Vanderbilt Behavioral Health and vice chair for clinical affairs, Department of Psychiatry, Vanderbilt Hospitals & Clinics, Nashville, Tenn.

Returning governing council members are: Troy Chisolm, FACHE, administrator, Greenville Health System Psychiatry, Greenfield, S.C.; Mario DeSanctis, FACHE, medical director, Tomah

VA Medical Center, Tomah, Wis.; Paul Goering, M.D., vice president, mental health, Allina Health, Minneapolis; William Henricks, Ph.D., past CEO, Rogers Partners in Behavioral Health, Rogers Behavioral Health System, Oconomowoc, Wisc.; Mary Lou Mastro, FACHE, president and CEO, Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, Elmhurst, Ill.; Martha S. Mather, vice president and chief operating officer, Our Lady of Peace, Louisville, Ky.; Michael A. May, M.D., trustee, SHS Collaborative Care Organization and medical director and vice president, Samaritan Mental Health, Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, Ore.; Tricia Nguyen, M.D., FACHE, president, Texas Health Population Health Education and Innovation Center, Arlington, Texas; Joseph Schulman, executive director, NSLIJ Care Solutions, Great Neck, N.Y.; Ann Schumacher, trustee, Memorial Community Hospital and vice president and president Immanuel Medical Center, Alegent Creighton Health, Omaha, Neb.

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About the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services

The AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services (SPSAS) provides perspective on behavioral health issues. SPSAS represents over 1,660 providers, including psychiatric services provided in general acute care hospitals, as well as freestanding adult, child and adolescent psychiatric hospitals and alcohol and drug hospitals. The purpose of the Section is to promote and enhance the understanding and importance of behavioral health care through AHA policy, advocacy and service efforts specific to psychiatric and substance abuse service providers. For more information, visit the AHA website at www.aha.org/psych.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. 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 website at www.aha.org.