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MAUREEN BANKS, RN, MS, MBA, FACHE TO LEAD AHA'S SECTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND REHABILITATION GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON—January 27, 2015 — Maureen Banks is the 2015 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Governing Council. Banks is president of Spaulding Hospital Cambridge, Spaulding Hospital Cape Cod, Spaulding Hospital North Shore, Spaulding Skilled Nursing Facilities, and chief operating officer of Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, part of Partners Continuing Care of the Partners HealthCare System, Boston. The governing council comprises CEOs and senior executives from the nation's leading hospitals representing rehabilitation, acute long-term care, skilled nursing, home health and continuing care services. As chair, Banks will lead the section's governing council on public policy issues of concern to post-acute and continuing care providers and AHA member service strategies.

Banks has an extensive and varied background in nursing and health care leadership throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia and New Hampshire. She has held senior administrative positions in academic medical centers, home care and community hospitals and consistently held faculty appointments in both graduate and undergraduate programs.

Banks has been active throughout her career in professional organizations. At the state and regional levels, she is currently on the Southern New Hampshire University School of Nursing Advisory Board and has served in several capacities, including president, for the Organization of Nurse Leaders.

Banks received her MBA and Advanced Certificate in health administration from Southern New Hampshire University as a Commonwealth Fellowship recipient. Her undergraduate degree is from Boston College and she holds a master's degree from the University of Connecticut. As a nurse, Banks' clinical focus has been oncology and hospice care. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executive and is Nurse Executive Advanced-Board Certified.

Jon Skinner, chief executive officer and market executive, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas will serve as chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2016. Cathy Barr, senior vice president, community services, and president, Bethesda Hospital, HealthEast Care System, St. Paul, Minn., is the past chair.

Newly elected members to the governing council include: **Mary Armstrong**, board member, Park City Medical Center, Intermountain Healthcare, Inc., Park City, Utah; **W. Lee Gentry**, vice president & administrator, Baptist Health Rehabilitation Institute, Baptist Health System, Little Rock, Ark.; **Derrick Jones**, CEO, Lovelace Rehabilitation Hospital, Ardent Health System, Albuquerque, N.M.; **Gia Smith**, CEO, Central Valley Specialty Hospital, Modesto, Calif.

The new governing council members join the following current members: Kenneth Bowman, CEO, Van Matre HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital, Rockford, Ill.; Nona Boyink, senior vice president for Post-Acute Services, MaineGeneral Health, Waterville, Maine; Marc Lewis, Ph.D., director, Bureau of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Jackson, Miss.; Lisa Marsilio, executive director, Good Shepherd Penn Partners, Philadelphia; Daniel Mendelson, M.D., associate chief of medicine, Highland Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.; Curtis Ohashi, Ph.D., CEO, Select Medical Specialty Hospital, Cincinnati; Timothy Page, CEO, Kindred Hospital the Palm Beaches, Riviera Beach, Fla.; Charlotte Smith, M.D., chief clinical officer, University of Washington, Psychiatry and Rehabilitation, Seattle; Patricia Upham, director, FirstHealth Home Care, West End, N.C.; and Rhonda Wiering, director, quality initiatives, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, S.D.

About the Section for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation

AHA's Section for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation supports hospital providers of post-acute services, including rehabilitation, long-term acute, skilled nursing, home health, and continuing care 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 post-acute care 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 post-acute care 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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