Chair-Officers

Joe McDonald, FACHE, Council Chair
President and CEO, Catholic Health System, Buffalo, NY
(Term 2014-16; Chair Officer 2016-18)
Joe is president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health System in Buffalo, one of the largest providers of healthcare in Western New York. He leads a team of more than 9,000 associates and 1,600 physicians who are transforming healthcare throughout the region. With operating revenues of $1.02 billion in 2015, Catholic Health System offers a complete continuum of care that includes four hospitals on five campuses; four skilled nursing facilities; three home care agencies; and numerous primary care, diagnostic & treatment, and rehabilitation centers.

During Joe’s tenure, Catholic Health System has experienced a growth in services, the introduction of advanced technology, improved quality and safety, and a return to fiscal stability. He guided the system’s efforts to improve its financial position, helping the organization finish the last 13 years with a positive operating margin and increase its charity care and community benefit contributions, which totaled more than $99 million in 2015.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Joe received his MBA from the University of Tennessee in Nashville and was named a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives. He is active on a number of boards, including Canisius College Board of Trustees, WNED Board of Trustees, WNED Foundation Board, the University of Tennessee Knoxville Alumni Board of Directors, and the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) Board of Trustees and Executive Committee.

Steven (Steve) J. Corwin, M.D., Council Chair-Elect
President and CEO, NewYork-Presbyterian, New York, NY
(Term 2015-17; Chair Officer 2017-19)
Steve is president and chief executive officer of NewYork-Presbyterian, a healthcare delivery network that comprises four divisions and cares for more than 2 million patients per year. Together with its academic partners—Weill Cornell Medicine and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons—NewYork-Presbyterian pursues clinical excellence, engages in pioneering medical research, and provides outstanding medical education.

Steve joined NewYork-Presbyterian in 1979. From 1998 to 2005, he was senior vice president and chief medical officer, where he led the development and implementation of 13 clinical service lines. Prior to becoming CEO, he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer, where he oversaw day-to-day operations across five campuses and was responsible for advancing a number of strategic initiatives. As president and CEO, Steve embraces innovative approaches to patient-centered care. He led the way in establishing the NewYork-Presbyterian Regional Hospital Network and NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Groups, which enable patients to receive world-renowned care in their own communities. He has overseen planning and construction of several state-of-the-art facilities and championed numerous technological initiatives, including on-demand access to electronic medical records for patients, a telehealth program launched in 2016 and a dedicated space at Blueprint Health, one of the country’s leading incubators of health care technology.

Steve is on the board of directors of the Greater New York Hospital Association and has served as its president since June 2016. He is a fellow at the New York Academy of Medicine, and a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Teaching Hospitals administrative board, the Health Management Academy, and the advisory board for the Morgan Stanley Institute for Sustainable Investing. He has received numerous awards, including the Hope and Heroes Award and the VHA Award for Clinical Quality.
A cardiologist and internist, Steve obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees from Northwestern University, graduating summa cum laude and is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He completed both his internal medicine residency and cardiology training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

Nick W. Turkal, M.D., Council Past Chair
President and CEO, Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee, WI
(Term 2012-14; Chair Officer 2015-17)
Nick is president and chief executive officer of Aurora Health Care, a not-for-profit health care system based in Milwaukee, WI. It is one of the nation’s leading integrated health systems and Wisconsin’s largest private employer where 33,000 employees provide care across the continuum in 15 hospitals, more than 150 clinics, 70 pharmacies, Aurora at Home Care and Aurora Family Services.

When Nick was appointed CEO in 2006, he began a shift toward a culture that inspired purpose and centered on patients. Under his leadership, Aurora has slowed cost increases and achieved quality and cost-efficiency levels that exceed other health providers in eastern Wisconsin. One example of this is the single electronic health record that the organization implemented under his leadership, which contributes to reduced errors and readmissions, cost avoidance and better outcomes for patients.

Nick, who continues to practice medicine as a family medicine physician, led the integration of Aurora’s 1,800 employed physicians into one medical group, and he has raised Aurora’s quality to levels that are best in class and recognized nationally. In recent years, Aurora has outperformed many similarly sized not-for-profit systems, leading to an upgrade in its rating status to A2 from A3 by Moody’s Investor Services in 2015 and from A to A+ in 2016 by Fitch Ratings.

Nick believes in the value of community collaboration and taking a lead role in addressing community issues. In 2015, Aurora developed and launched the Better Together Fund, which to date has provided $15 million to nearly four dozen community service organizations to support the expansion of primary care and behavioral health services, as well as sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs. He currently serves on the boards of StartUp Health and Creighton University and is a past Chair of the Wisconsin Hospital Association Board and past member of the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin Board.

AHA Board of Trustees Liaison
Nancy Howell Agee, AHA Board Liaison 2017 & AHA 2017 Board of Trustees Chair-elect
President and CEO, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, VA
Nancy is president and chief executive officer, Carilion Clinic, an integrated healthcare organization serving one million patients in Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. Carilion includes a multi-specialty physician group, seven hospitals, the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and a joint ventured medical school and research institute with Virginia Tech. Nancy began her career in nursing and has served in various management roles with Carilion. In 1996, she was named vice president and gradually assumed increasing executive leadership roles.

Nancy is the AHA Board of Trustees Chair-Elect. She has also been a member of the association’s Committee on Commissioners to The Joint Commission, the Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council, a Regional Policy Board (RPB) 3 state delegate, and a member of the Medicare DSH Advisory Group. She has a history of RPB service dating to 2005.

She has supported many professional and community activities, serving on the boards of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Coalition to Protect America’s Healthcare, the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, the Virginia Business Council and Healthcare Realty.

Nancy holds degrees with honors from the University of Virginia and Emory University and participated in postgraduate studies at the Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern University.
Council Members (in alphabetical order)

Carl S. Armato  
President and CEO, Novant Health, Winston Salem, NC  
(Term 2015-17)

Carl was appointed president and chief executive officer of Novant Health in January 2012. Since joining Novant Health in 1998 as vice president of finance and operations in Charlotte and Winston-Salem for their physician divisions, Carl has served as senior vice president of materials management and logistics, chief operating officer and then president/CEO of Presbyterian Healthcare, and president of Novant Health markets and chief operating officer. Previously, Carl was vice president of operations for First Care Physicians, director of finance for the General Health System in Baton Rouge and a senior tax/audit consultant for Ernst & Young.

Novant Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system serving communities in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The Novant Health network consists of more than 1,300 physicians at over 530 locations, including 14 medical centers and hundreds of outpatient facilities and physician clinics. Novant Health employs approximately 24,000 people and provides more than $700 million annually in community benefit.

Carl currently serves as chairman of the American Health Association Charlotte Chapter, is a member of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee and Board, and is a member of the VHA Board of Directors and VHA Finance Committee. Past community involvement includes board chairman of Mecklenburg Citizens for Public Education and Friends of Scouting Exploring Community Campaign; member American Heart Walk Executive Committee; VHA Central Atlantic Board of Directors; Central Piedmont Community College President’s Council; Knights of Columbus; and chairman of the Med Go Red for Women Campaign with the American Heart Association.

Carl holds a bachelor of business administration in accounting from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and a master of business administration from Norwich University of Vermont. He is a certified public accountant.

Marna P. Borgstrom  
Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Health and Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT  
(Term 2015-17)

Marna began her career at Yale New Haven Hospital over 37 years ago. Her varied roles have taken her from a post-graduate fellowship, to various staff and management roles, to her promotion in 1994 to the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer at Yale New Haven Hospital. In 2005, she assumed the position of chief executive officer of Yale New Haven Hospital and president and CEO of Yale New Haven Health and now serves as the CEO of both organizations.

Marna chairs the boards of Vizient, a Dallas, Texas-based health care company, and the Coalition to Protect America’s Healthcare. She serves on several other boards including The Healthcare Institute and The Connecticut Hospital Association. She has been the recipient of several awards recognizing her advocacy and community involvement including the AHA Grassroots Champion Award, the Anti-Defamation League Torch of Liberty Award, The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Award and Business New Haven Business Person of the Year. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Quinnipiac University and a Doctor of Business Administration by the University of New Haven.

Marna received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and was awarded a master’s of public health by the Yale University School of Epidemiology and Public Health.
Ruth W. Brinkley, FACHE
Senior Vice President, Operations, Catholic Health Initiatives and President and CEO, KentuckyOne Health, Louisville, KY
(Term 2015-17)
Ruth is senior vice president, operations, Catholic Health Initiatives and president and chief executive officer of KentuckyOne Health. With more than 200 locations, the system is made up of the former Jewish Hospital and St. Mary’s Healthcare and Saint Joseph Health System, along with the University of Louisville Hospital and James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

With almost 40 years of health care experience, Ruth has worked in private, public, academic and community-based health systems. Ruth’s past experience includes executive positions as Ascension Health’s West Market Leader and as Catholic Health Initiatives’ President and CEO of Memorial Health Care System, and senior vice president, performance management. Her academic experience includes serving as associate executive director, chief nurse executive and associate dean of clinical practice at the University of Alabama Hospitals in Birmingham. She also served as a senior consultant with CSC Healthcare, working with many of the most complex academic medical centers and community hospitals in the US and Canada. Prior to her consulting experience, she held executive roles at health care organizations in St. Louis and Chicago.

A registered nurse, Ruth holds bachelor and master of science degrees from DePaul University. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives; a member of the Advisory Board of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange; board member of DePaul University; and a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives. She was recently recognized in Modern Healthcare magazine’s “Top 25 Minorities in Healthcare” for a second time and named by Becker’s Hospital Review as one of the “Top 10 Most Admired CEOs in Healthcare.”

Brian Donley, M.D.
Chief of Staff & Chief Clinical Operations, Cleveland Clinic Health System, Cleveland, OH
(Term 2017-19)
Brian serves as chief of staff and chief of clinical enterprise at the Cleveland Clinic, having previously served as president of the health system’s robust regional hospital network; vice president of regional hospitals and chief of regional hospital medical affairs and quality; and president of Lutheran Hospital. Brian joined the department of orthopaedic surgery and the Foot and Ankle Center in 1995, and served as the Center’s Chair from 2004-11.

In addition to his clinical expertise, Brian has a strong track record in research, education and innovation. He has published numerous orthopaedic journal articles and textbook chapters and is an associate editor for several medical journals in addition to his teaching medical students, orthopaedic residents and fellows.

Brian graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from the University of Notre Dame and earned recognition in the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Liz Dunne, RD, MS
President and CEO, PeaceHealth, Vancouver, WA
(Term 2017-19)
As president and chief executive officer for PeaceHealth, Liz brings a strong vision for the future of health care, a passion for excellence, and a breadth of experience. Over her distinguished career, she has achieved success through strategy, partnerships and engagement. Liz has a track record of improving quality, access and affordability through alignment with physicians, communities and philanthropic partners. Liz has a deep personal passion for PeaceHealth’s Mission, which calls for an unwavering commitment to promoting personal and community health.

Liz came to PeaceHealth in 2015 from Providence Health & Services, where she served as community chief executive officer for the South Bay (Calif.) Region, with direct oversight for two hospitals and six care sites in
Torrance and San Pedro. She previously held executive officer positions with City of Hope (Duarte, Calif.) and Memorial Health Services (Fountain Valley, Calif.).

Liz retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving 10 years on active duty in the United States Air Force and 10 years in the USAF reserves. She is a registered dietitian with a master’s degree in business and computer resource management from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

**Jesús Garza**  
President and CEO, Seton Healthcare Family, and Senior Vice President, Ascension Healthcare, and Texas Ministry Market Executive, Austin, TX  
(Term 2015-17)

In July 2013, Jesús became president and chief executive officer of Seton Healthcare Family, the leading provider of healthcare services in central Texas, and also serves as Ascension Healthcare’s ministry market executive for Texas. Serving an 11-county population of 1.9 million, the organization operates five major medical centers, two community hospitals, three rural hospitals, an inpatient mental health hospital, several facilities for rehabilitation for well patients, and three primary care clinics for the uninsured.

Jesús joined the Seton Family of Hospitals in 2002 following a distinguished career in private- and public-sector leadership. Initially, he headed a newly-created Health Ministry at Seton before moving into the chief operating officer leadership post. Prior to coming to Seton, Jesús served as deputy general manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority, following his eight-year service as city manager for the City of Austin.

Recognized for many accomplishments while serving in the public sector, Jesús was named Public Administrator of the Year by the American Society for Public Administration/Centex Chapter and Public Official of the Year by Governing magazine.

Jesús received his undergraduate degree from The University of Texas and his master’s degree in public affairs from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.

**Richard (Rick) J. Gilfillan, M.D.**  
President and CEO, Trinity Health, Livonia, MI  
Term (2015-2017)

Rick is president and chief executive officer of Trinity Health, a $16.2 billion Catholic health system that serves communities in 22 states with 93 hospitals, 120 continuing care locations and home health and hospice facilities that provide more than 2.5 million home health and hospice visits annually.

For more than 30 years, Rick has built successful organizations in the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors to deliver better outcomes for people and communities. As the first director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), he launched the Center in 2010 and worked quickly with payers and providers to develop innovative models for improving patient care and reducing costs.

Prior to his appointment at CMMI, Rick was president and CEO of Geisinger Health Plan and executive vice president of insurance operations for Geisinger Health System, a large integrated health system in Pennsylvania. Previously, he was the senior vice president for national network management at Coventry Health Care. He also held earlier executive positions at Independence Blue Cross.

Rick began his career as a family medicine physician and later became a medical director and a chief medical officer. He earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Georgetown University and an MBA degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.
David C. Herman, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer, Essentia Health, Duluth, MN
Term (2016-2018)
David took on his new role as chief executive officer for Essentia Health in January 2015. Essentia Health is an integrated health system serving patients in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Idaho, with 15 hospitals, 69 clinics, five ambulance services, seven long-term care facilities, two assisted living facilities, four independent living facilities and one research institute. David comes to Essentia from Vidant Health, an integrated health system in eastern North Carolina, where he was president and CEO, overseeing an organization with eight hospitals, 70 clinics, 12,000 employees and $1.5 billion in net operating revenues. Before that, he worked at the Mayo Clinic, where he was a professor of ophthalmology. David has more than 20 years in health care leadership, and continues to practice as an eye specialist.

He currently serves on the board of directors for the American Board of Ophthalmology; the international board of trustees for the Ronald McDonald House Charities; the board of trustees of The College of St. Scholastica; the board of trustees of the Minnesota Hospital Association; and the Mayo Health System.

A graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana, David received his medical degree from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minn., and completed his residency at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education. He also holds a master’s degree in medical management from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Stephen K. Klasko, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer, Jefferson Health, Allentown, PA
(Term 2017-19)
Stephen is president and chief executive officer of Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health and author of 2016’s “We Can Fix Healthcare in America: The Future Is Now.” He previously served as chief executive officer of USF Health and dean of the Morsani college of medicine at University of South Florida.

At Jefferson he leads an academic medical center that consistently ranks among the top academic health systems in the country and has grown over the last two years to include 29,000 employees, twelve hospitals and over 2 million patient visits. In 2015, he led the merger of Thomas Jefferson University and Health System and Abington Health Network in one of the nation’s first shared governance, “hub and hub” academic medical center mergers. He has also attracted Aria Health System and Kennedy Health System, two premier community academic medical centers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, to join this unique system. Within the last year, Jefferson has also announced the plan to acquire Philadelphia University, a top ten design university in suburban Philadelphia.

He is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology (OB-GYN) at Sidney Kimmel Medical College and the founder of Spirit of Women, a grass roots womens health empowerment organization now utilized at over 150 hospitals and health systems. After receiving his medical degree, and completing his OB-GYN residency, he completed his MBA at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. After the conclusion of his MBA, he received a $1.5 million grant to investigate the selection and education biases that affect a physician’s ability to negotiate and handle change which resulted in his previous book, “The Phantom Stethoscope: A Field Manual for an Optimistic Future in Medicine.”
Stephen L. Mansfield, Ph.D., FACHE
President and CEO, Methodist Health System, Dallas, TX
(Term 2016-2018)
Stephen has been president and chief executive officer of Methodist Health System since 2006. Ten hospitals and 30 Methodist Family Health Centers and Medical Groups are part of the nonprofit Methodist Health System, which is affiliated by covenant with the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the fastest-growing health systems in America, Methodist currently sees more than 575,000 patients a year, contains nearly 1600 beds, holds more than $1.5 billion in assets, and in 2015 was awarded the Texas Award for Performance Excellence by the Quality Texas Foundation. Before joining Methodist, Stephen served seven years as president and CEO of the five-hospital St. Vincent Health System based in Little Rock, Ark., and prior to that he held a variety of administrative positions within the Baptist Memorial Health Care System in Memphis, Tenn., for 23 years.

A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Stephen serves on the boards of the Dallas Regional Chamber®, Dallas County Community College District Foundation, Dallas Citizens Council, the NRMI of the University of Tennessee at Martin and MD Buyline. He chaired the Dallas Regional Chamber in 2014 and is one of eight health executives named to the Becker's Hospital Review Advisory Board. Stephen is the recipient of numerous honors, including the 2012 Ernst & Young “Entrepreneur of the Year Award” in the health care provider category, the inaugural Becker’s Healthcare 2013 Leadership Award, and in 2015 both the Magazine’s Executive of the Year and the Texas Business Association’s Distinguished Business Leadership Award.

Stephen holds a bachelor’s degree in health care administration from Ottawa University in Kansas, a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a PhD in organizational leadership from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va.

Barry H. Ostrowsky
President and CEO, RWJBarnabas Health, West Orange, NJ
(Term 2015-17)
Barry is president and chief executive officer of RWJBarnabas Health, New Jersey’s largest integrated health care delivery system, including eleven acute care hospitals, six of which are teaching hospitals; three acute care children’s hospitals and a leading pediatric rehabilitation hospital (Children’s Specialized Hospital); ambulatory care centers; geriatric centers; a free-standing behavioral health center; New Jersey’s largest statewide behavioral health network; comprehensive home care and hospice programs; retail pharmacy services; multi-site imaging centers; an accountable care organization; fitness and wellness centers and a medical group. Barry joined Saint Barnabas Medical Center in 1991 as executive vice president and general counsel. He served in the same role at Barnabas Health, when the system was created in 1996. He assumed the title of president and chief operating officer in 2010 and became president and CEO in 2012. In April 2016, when Barnabas Health and Robert Wood Johnson Health System merged, Barry became the president and CEO. Prior to 1991, Barry was a senior partner in the law firm of Brach, Eichler.

Barry received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his law degree from the University of Tennessee School of Law.
Charles Wright Pinson, M.D., MBA  
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and CEO of Vanderbilt Health System,  
Nashville, TN  
(Term 2016-2018)

Wright has served as the deputy vice-chancellor for health affairs and chief executive officer of Vanderbilt Health System since 2009. The system has grown 35% during his tenure and includes 2,000 academic physicians, four hospitals with 62,000 admissions per year, 62,000 operations per year, 100 outpatient clinics with 2.1 million visits per year, and an annual budget of $3.2 billion. Starting in 2011, he helped organize a 50 hospital affiliated system covering the state of Tennessee, the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network and is chairman of the board.

From 2004-2009, as the associate vice-chancellor for clinical affairs and chief medical officer, he was responsible for quality and safety programs and business development. He served as chief of staff of the Vanderbilt Hospitals (1997-2004), the interim chair, vice-chair and then chairman of the department of surgery (1993-2004). While he was director of the Vanderbilt Transplant Center from 1993-2011, 6500 transplants were performed.

In 2008 he co-founded the masters in management in health care program and is a professor in the Graduate School of Business. He has also been an active clinical and laboratory investigator in transplantation surgery leading to 300 publications, receiving numerous grants and the Grant Liddle Research Mentoring Award. In 2012 he received the TJ Martell Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2015 the AHPBA Distinguished Service Award. He currently serves as board chair for the Governor’s Foundation for the Health and Wellness of Tennessee, vice chair of the Nashville Area Health Care Council, and President of the Middle Tennessee American Heart Association.

Wright graduated with distinction in physics from University of Colorado in 1974 and completed a master of business administration (finance) in 1976. A 1980 graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, he trained in general surgery (OHSU), hepatobiliary (Lahey Clinic) and transplant surgery (Harvard/Deaconess Hospital).

Scott Reiner  
Chief Executive Officer, Adventist Health, Roseville, CA  
(Term 2017-19)

Scott is chief executive officer of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 75 communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 20 hospitals, more than 260 clinics, 15 home care agencies, seven hospice agencies, a health plan and four joint-venture retirement centers.

A registered nurse with 25 years of healthcare leadership, Scott has a passion for mission, especially serving the underserved. He is committed to quality, experience, consumer value and expanding mission into the community. As CEO, he is responsible for setting the vision and direction of Adventist Health and positioning the organization for growth. In addition, Reiner developed and leads ONE Adventist Health, a transformation model that today serves to align the system around mission, vision, values, brand, governance and operating structure.

He also served as executive vice president/chief operations officer and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the $4 billion health system. Prior to assuming this role, he served as president and CEO of Glendale Adventist Medical Center, a 515-bed facility in Southern California.

Scott has chaired the governing boards of numerous Adventist Health business units. In addition, he serves on the board of directors and executive committee of the California Hospital Association and also serves on the board of directors for Loma Linda University Health and Premier, Inc.

He has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA, and a master’s degree in health administration from California State University, Northridge.
Anthony (Tony) Slonim, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
President and CEO, Renown Health, Reno, NV  
(Term 2017-19)

Tony is an innovator and proven leader in healthcare on both the regional and national levels. During his notable career at major healthcare organizations and academic institutions, he has developed a national profile as an expert in patient safety, accountable care, healthcare quality, and innovative care delivery models focused on improving health within the community. He is an academic leader and tenured professor. He currently holds appointments as clinical professor in the departments of internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.

Since joining Renown Health in July 2014, Tony has completely reoriented northern Nevada’s largest locally governed, not-for-profit healthcare network. He is executing a five year strategic plan that is focused on the community’s overall health while embracing the national triple aim initiatives of improving quality care and patient satisfaction — all while reducing costs. He has also ushered in a new era of collaboration, executing an agreement with the University of Nevada School of Medicine to establish a medical training campus at Renown Health. Most recently, Renown collaborated with the Desert Research Institute, governor’s office and personal genetics company, 23andMe, to pioneer one of the world’s largest, community-based genetic health studies aimed at improving population health. Tony also led affiliations with Stanford Medicine; the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine; and St. George’s University, Grenada, to expand specialty and subspecialty care available to northern Nevadans and bring more care providers to the Silver State.

While effectively leading and managing the complexity of Renown, Tony also serves on the American College of Physician Executives and Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada boards, and chairs the Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities and Certified Medical Representatives Institute boards.

Michael A. Slubowski, FACHE  
President and CEO, SCL Health, Broomfield, CO  
(Term 2015-17)

Mike has been president and chief executive officer of SCL Health since January 2011. Mike provides executive leadership over eight acute care hospitals, an adolescent mental health facility, and numerous ambulatory facilities, home care agencies, senior service facilities, safety net clinics and physician practices in Colorado, Montana and Kansas. Previously, he served as president of Health Networks for Trinity Health, provided leadership to their Ministry Organizations nationally, and served in leadership roles at Henry Ford Health System, St. Joseph’s Hospital (MI), Samaritan Health Services (AZ), Providence Hospital (MI), and Mercy Health Services (MI).

A fellow in both the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the American College of Medical Practice Executives, Mike is on the boards of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce; Catholic Health Association (CHA) and Catholic Healthcare CEO Connection; sits on CHA’s Advocacy & Public Policy Committee and Governance Committee; and Chairs the CHA Finance Committee. He also serves in a variety of regional and national health care professional organizations, and received the ACHE’s Regent’s Award and Distinguished Service Award.

Mike received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from Wayne State University. He also completed health care leadership training through an Advanced Leadership Institute conducted by the University of Michigan School of Business and sponsored by the National Center for Healthcare Leadership.
Penny Wheeler, M.D.
President and CEO, Allina Health, Minneapolis, MN
(Term 2017-19)

Penny became the president and chief executive officer of Allina Health in 2015. She previously served as chief clinical officer since 2006 and president since 2013. Allina Health is comprised of 14 hospitals, 90+ clinics, 26,000+ employees and several related companies including home health, hospice, transportation, medical equipment and retail pharmacy. Penny sets the overall strategic direction for Allina Health, focusing on ensuring that the organization delivers exceptional care and supports the health and well-being of all those served. She is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist.

Under Penny’s leadership, Allina Health has sharpened its focus on serving those who have not always been well-served by the health care system, including individuals with disabilities through the creation of Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute; those with mental illness and addiction issues through significant investments in Allina Health’s mental health capabilities; and those at the end of life through innovative approaches which allow patients in late life to focus on what matters most. In addition, she led the creation of Allina Health’s clinical service line model which helps ensure patients receive the right care at the right place at the right time. Penny has led care coordination and navigation efforts, payer partnerships to advance outcomes-based reimbursement models, and championed the use of advanced analytics.

Penny is on the board of Portico Healthnet, an organization dedicated to helping uninsured Minnesotans receive affordable health coverage and care, the Greater Twin Cities United Way, St. Thomas University and Health Catalyst. Additionally, she serves on the board of the Minnesota Community Measurement board, a regional health quality collaborative, of which she served as chair for a term. Minnesota Business named Penny the 2012 “Outstanding Health Care Executive” and Modern Healthcare recognized her as one of the “Top 25 Women in Health Care” in 2015. In July 2015, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton appointed her to the Taskforce for Health Care Financing.