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### **PATRICIA WARNER, TO LEAD AHA'S SECTION FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

WASHINGTON—January 12, 2012— Patricia A. Warner, executive director of the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospitals in Ann Arbor, Mich. is the 2012 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Maternal and Child Health. The governing council is a 15-member body comprised of CEOs and senior executives from the nation's women's and children's health care providers. As chair, Warner will lead the section's governing council on public policy issues concerning women and children's health, hospitals serving that patient population and AHA member service strategies.

Warner has over 40 years of health care management and leadership experience, serving the last 35 years at the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. Currently she serves as the executive leader of the children's and women's service lines for the University of Michigan Health System. Warner led the seven year process of planning and activating the replacement of the children's and women's hospitals in December 2011. The \$754 million dollar project included a 12 story inpatient tower and an adjoining nine story clinic building housing the children's hospital and the women's birthing hospital.

Warner oversees the community hospital network affiliation, child advocacy program, community outreach and philanthropy. She has created a community board of advisors

consisting of prominent community leaders throughout southeast Michigan. In addition, she is responsible for the administration of the institution's community health initiative, women's health program, and social work across the hospitals and health centers.

Prior to her leadership at children's and women's services, she served as the associate hospital director for ambulatory care services, administrator for emergency services and lead for the development of the geriatric program.

Warner is a past board member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions and the Washtenaw County Board of Catholic Social Services. In Washtenaw County, she serves on the boards of Arbor Hospice and the Ann Arbor YMCA; she is also a member of the Ann Arbor Development Authority.

Warner received her master's degree in public health in health planning and administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. She has served on the school's alumni board of advisors and the board of the Griffith Leadership Center.

Rick Merrill, MSHA, president and CEO, Cook Children's Health Care System, Fort Worth, TX will serve as chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2013. Jack Ludmir, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia is the immediate past chair. Current AHA board member, Christopher Durovich, president and CEO, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, is the 2011 Board Liaison to the Council.

Also elected to three-year terms expiring in 2014 on the governing council:

- **Katherine L. Criswell**, RN, MSN, executive regional women and children's program Oregon Region Providence Health and Services, Portland, Ore.;
- **Cindy Farrand**, president, The Women's Hospital of Greensboro; Cone Health System, Greensboro, N.C.;
- **Paul D. Hain, MD** associate chief of staff, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, Vanderbilt, Tenn.

### **About the Section for Maternal and Child Health**

AHA's 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 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 42,000 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 Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

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