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AHA NAMES NEW TRUSTEES TO THE BOARD

WASHINGTON (July 31, 2012) - The American Hospital Association (AHA) has elected seven new members to its Board of Trustees for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013. In addition, the Board appointed one new member to fill a one-year vacancy; he will be eligible for a full term beginning in 2014. The Board of Trustees is the policy-making body of the AHA and has ultimate authority for the governance and management of its direction and finances.

New board members include:

William F. “Bud” Barrow, II is president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc. in Lafayette, La. During his tenure there, he opened the doors to a completely new \$211 million dollar medical campus with a state-of-the-art acute care hospital that anchors the city’s medical corridor. Barrow has also driven several large scale physician affiliation agreements and joint venture partnerships, including Heart Hospital of Lafayette and Park Place Surgical Hospital. Previously, he served as CEO at Opelousas General Health System in Opelousas, La., and Desoto Regional Health System in Mansfield, La.

Barrow is a past president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, currently serves as chairman for the regional United Way Board of Directors and has held board appointments on the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Miles Perret Cancer Services and several others.

As a regional trustee, Barrow will serve as chair of AHA’s Regional Policy Board 7. Barrow earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Richmond and a master’s in public/hospital administration from Brigham Young University.

Dr. Thomas W. Burke, M.D. is the Executive Vice President and Physician-in-Chief at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Burke is responsible for oversight and strategic planning for patient care delivery throughout the hospital, clinics and outreach programs.

Burke is a member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Surgeons, the Felix Rutledge Society, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Burke has served as both alternate and member to the AHA's Regional Policy Board 7 (RPB 7).

Burke leads the core team for MD Anderson's Institute for Cancer Care Excellence, a collaborative group that focuses its study on cancer economics, patient safety and quality improvement, information technology, education and outreach development. The institute explores ways to eliminate waste, reduce costs and quantify quality care. He and his team recently received the 2012 Edgar C. Hayhow Article of the Year Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) for a paper that was published in the November/December 2010 issue of the organization's publication, the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.

Burke received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans.

Carolyn Caldwell is president and CEO of Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Mo.

After 12 years as a clinician, she was appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Dallas Southwest Medical Center and shortly thereafter interim CEO, coordinating the sale of the hospital to a physician group. She was then appointed COO of Medical Center of Arlington, Texas, and later Chief Executive of Lee's Summit Medical Center, with responsibility for building an \$85 million replacement facility. After opening Lee's Summit Medical Center, Caldwell was again promoted by HCA to lead Centerpoint Medical Center.

Caldwell was recognized in the 2005 Class of Women Who Mean Business in Kansas City; 2008 Most Influential Women in Kansas City; 2010 Class of Kansas City's Influential Women; and Women Worth Watching in the 2011 *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. She is very involved in the community and serves on the boards of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, Independence Economic Development Council, Harry Truman Library Institute, AHA Regional Policy Board 6, and is a past chair of the AHA's Institute for Diversity in Health Management. She is an ACHE fellow and active in mentoring young executives.

Caldwell earned her bachelor's of science from Alabama A&M University and a Master's in Health Administration from Texas Woman's University.

Joanne Carrocino is president & CEO of Cape Regional Health System in Cape May Court House, N.J. The system is comprised of 242-bed Cape Regional Medical Center, Cape Regional Physicians Associates, Cape Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, Cape Regional Urgent Care and numerous outpatient services and facilities.

Carrocino is currently a member of the AHA's Regional Policy Board 2 (RPB 2) and, with her election, will chair RPB 2. She is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has served on numerous not-for-profit community agency boards. For the past eight years, she has been a member of the New Jersey Hospital Association's (NJHA) Board of Trustees and chairs NJHA's for-profit board, Healthcare Business Solutions.

Carrocino earned her bachelor's degree in business administration at Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) and received her Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in hospital administration from Temple University.

Vickie Diamond is president and CEO of Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyo. Before becoming president and CEO of Wyoming Medical Center, she was the COO/Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services. Prior to that she served as Vice President, Clinical Services and Medicine at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Diamond began her health care career as a nurse and has more than 25 years of executive-level management experience. She co-founded Wyoming Integrated Care Network, a statewide collaborative focusing on resource management and continuity of care.

She will be the new chair of the AHA Regional Policy Board 8. Diamond is the current board president of the Wyoming Hospital Association and also serves on the board of the Wyoming Business Alliance and is a member of Rotary International. She earned a master's of science and bachelor's of science from the University of Colorado, Denver.

Bea Grause is president and CEO of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (VAHHS), a position she has held since November 2001. Over the past decade, she has positioned the Association as a trusted and competent leader in federal and state health policy matters.

Before coming to VAHHS, Grause worked in Washington, D.C. for nearly 10 years. Initially, she worked as congressional staff for two members of Congress, then as the director of federal affairs for the Massachusetts Hospital Association and, eventually, the Tennessee Hospital Association. During her final four years in Washington, she worked as counsel for the law firm of Foley Hoag on a variety of legislative and regulatory matters. Prior to and during law school, she worked as a registered nurse, primarily in critical care settings. She also served as president of a local independent nurses' association for three years during her tenure in California.

Grause graduated from Boston College's School of Nursing and Santa Clara University's School of Law.

Jim Skogsbergh is president and CEO of Advocate Health Care in Oak Brook, Ill., the largest health system in Illinois and one of the largest health care systems in the Midwest. Before joining Advocate as COO in January 2001, Skogsbergh served as Executive Vice President of the Iowa Health System in Des Moines, as well as the president and CEO of Iowa Methodist, Iowa Lutheran and Blank Children's hospitals. He began his more than 30 years of health care experience in 1982 as an administrative resident with Memorial Health System in South Bend, Ind.

Skogsbergh is a fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives, the past chair of the Illinois Hospital Association's Board of Directors and recently concluded service on the board of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council. He also served as chair of the AHA's Section for

Health Care Systems Governing Council and is a member of its Regional Policy Board. Skogsbergh is a member of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's World Business Chicago Board of Directors and is a member and past chair of Chicago United. He is vice chair of the American Cancer Society's CEOs, as well as a member of the World Presidents Organization.

Eugene A. Woods is the Executive Vice President and COO of CHRISTUS Health in Irving, Texas, a position he has held since June 2011. He is responsible for overseeing acute, post-acute and international operations for all of CHRISTUS Health's regions in the U.S. and Mexico. CHRISTUS is a health system of more than 50 hospitals and long-term care facilities, with 175 clinics and outpatient centers, and 30,000 associates. He was appointed to fill a one-year vacancy on the AHA board.

Previously, Woods served as CEO of the seven-hospital Saint Joseph Health System, one of the largest, wholly-owned regional systems within Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). He was also promoted to Senior Vice President for CHI in 2008 and served as a member of the National Operations Leadership Group. Prior to joining CHI, he was the COO at the Washington Hospital Center, a 926-bed teaching hospital located in the nation's capital, and one of the busiest hospitals in the mid-Atlantic region. In 2001, he was named by *Modern Healthcare* as an "Up & Comer" and selected as the "Star Student" in the 20 year Anniversary Edition (2007). In 2006 and 2008, *Modern Healthcare* named him as one of the top 25 minority executives in the country.

He currently serves on the AHA's Health Care Systems Governing Council, and previously was a member of Regional Policy Board 3. Woods has also served as a Regent for the American College of Healthcare Executives on two occasions, and is an ACHE Fellow. Additionally, he previously served as president for the Washington, D.C. chapter of the National Association of Health Service Executives (NAHSE), and is currently a member of the National NAHSE Board.

Woods received his bachelor's degree in health planning and administration, Master's in Business Administration, and Master's in Health Administration from The Pennsylvania State University.

About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include more than 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.

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