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ANGELA L. SCIOSCIA, M.D., TO LEAD AHA'S SECTION FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON — Angela L. Scioscia, M.D., chief medical officer (CMO) at the University of California (UC) San Diego Health System, is the 2014 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Maternal and Child Health Governing Council. The governing council is a 14-member body comprised of CEOs and senior executives from the nation's women's and children's health care providers. As chair, Dr. Scioscia will lead the section's governing council on public policy issues concerning women's and children's health, hospitals serving that patient population and AHA member service strategies.

Dr. Scioscia has more than 25 years of health care management and leadership experience, serving as CMO of UC San Diego Health System since 2004. As CMO, she works to ensure that the highest safety and quality standards are being met, and that the UC San Diego Health System staff works together to provide patient-centered care through a multidisciplinary and integrated approach.

Dr. Scioscia, a professor in reproductive medicine, is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology, maternal-fetal medicine and medical genetics. She is actively involved in the training of medical students and residents. Prior to her role as CMO, she was the director of the UC San Diego Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment Center for 15 years.

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Dr. Scioscia participates in several professional societies, including the Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, the American Society of Human Genetics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She completed her internship, residency and two fellowships at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn.; earned her medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; and her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va.

Maribeth McLaughlin, chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services, Magee-Women's Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center will serve as chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2015. Rick Merrill, president and CEO, Cook Children's Health Care System, Ft. Worth, Texas, is the immediate past chair.

Newly elected to three-year terms expiring in 2016 on the governing council include: **Charlotte Ipsan**, president, Norton Women's and Kosair Children's Hospital, Louisville, Ky.; **Karen Cox**, executive vice president/co-COO, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Mo.; **Damita Williams**, chief nursing officer, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit; and **Joseph Wright, M.D., M.P.H.**, senior vice president for community affairs and vice chairman of pediatrics, Children's National Medical Center, Washington.

The new governing council members join the following current members: Katherine L. Criswell, R.N., M.S.N., 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.; Patricia M. DePompei, R.N., M.S.N., president, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital and MacDonald Women's Hospital, Cleveland; DeWayne M. Pursley, M.D., chief, Department of Neonatology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, associate professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston; Jim Shmerling, president and CEO, Children's Hospital of Colorado, Aurora, Colo.; and Deborah T. Zimmermann, R.N., D.N.P., chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System: Medical College of Virginia Hospitals, Richmond, Va.

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 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 Web site at www.aha.org.

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