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### **AHA BOARD ELECTS JIM SKOGSBERGH CHAIR-ELECT DESIGNATE**

**SAN DIEGO** (July 20, 2014) - The American Hospital Association's (AHA) Board of Trustees has elected Jim Skogsbergh, president and CEO of Advocate Health Care as its chair-elect designate. Skogsbergh will assume the chairmanship in 2016, becoming the top elected official of the national organization that represents America's hospitals and health systems.

Since 2001, Skogsbergh has led Advocate Health Care in Downers Grove, Ill., the largest health system in the state and one the largest health care systems in the Midwest.

Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ, Advocate has been named one of the nation's Top 5 health systems , in the large system category, based on clinical performance by Truven Health Analytics. This is the fifth time Advocate has earned this distinction.

With more than 35,000 associates, including 10,000 nurses and 6,000 affiliated physicians, Advocate has more than 250 sites of care including 12 acute care hospitals including the state's largest integrated children's system. Additionally, Advocate includes the state's largest employed medical group, one of the largest home health companies and the nation's largest ACO with 600,000 covered lives.

Before joining Advocate, Skogsbergh served as executive vice president of the Iowa Health System in Des Moines, as well as 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.

“It is an exciting time to be a healthcare leader as we work to improve the care we provide patients and I look forward to working with the AHA and its members in support of the AHA mission to advance the health of individuals and communities,” said Skogsbergh.

Skogsbergh is a member of the AHA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, chair of the Coalition to Protect America's Health Care, and a member of the AHA SmartMarket board. He is a former chair of the AHA Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council and a member of Regional Policy Board 5. He is a member of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's World Business Chicago Board of Directors and is a past chair of Chicago United. He is a vice chair of the American Cancer Society's CEOs against Cancer, as well as a member of the World Presidents Organization. He is a fellow with the American College of Health Care Executives, past chair of the Illinois Hospital Association's Board of Trustees and past Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council board member. Skogsbergh is the recipient of B'nai B'rith's 2013 National Healthcare Award.

Skogsbergh earned a master of arts degree in health administration from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, and received his bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University in Ames.

### **About the AHA**

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and 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 Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

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