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NEWS RELEASE

PAUL SUMMERGRAD, M.D., TO LEAD AHA'S SECTION FOR PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

WASHINGTON—January 18, 2013— Paul Summergrad, Dr. Frances S. Arkin Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Tufts University School of Medicine, and Psychiatrist-in-Chief, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, is the 2013 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section Council for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services. The governing council represents 1,300 behavioral health providers across the country. During his one-year term, Summergrad and the 16-person governing council will work with the AHA to identify ways to define and focus AHA policy, advocacy and member resources to improve the quality, efficiency, and delivery of psychiatric and substance abuse services.

Summergrad has served at Tufts University School of Medicine and at Tufts Medical Center since 2004. He is a member of the Tufts Medical Center Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tufts Medical Center Physicians Organization. Previously, he served at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, where he was associate professor of psychiatry. From 1987 to 1998 he was chief of inpatient psychiatric services at Massachusetts General Hospital and was network director of the Partners Psychiatry & Mental Health System from 1997 to 2004. In that role, Summergrad also served as psychiatrist-in-chief of the North Shore Medical Center, a member of the Partners HealthCare System, from 1999 to 2004, where

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he also served as executive vice President for medical affairs and as chief medical officer. He served as a member of the Partners Executive Committee and the Partners Chief Medical Officer's Committee from 1999 to 2004.

Summergrad earned his medical degree at the School of Medicine at the State University of New York of Buffalo. He trained in internal medicine at the Boston City Hospital and in psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where he was chief resident for inpatient psychiatry. He completed psychoanalytic training at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute where he is a member. He is board certified in internal medicine, psychiatry, psychosomatic medicine and geriatric psychiatry.

In addition to his clinical, academic and administrative roles, Summergrad is President of the American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry and serves as Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Board of Trustees Ad Hoc Workgroup on the Role of Psychiatry in Healthcare Reform. He is also a past president of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society and the American Association of General Hospital Psychiatrists.

James W. Eyler, FACHE, chief executive officer of Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health, Macon, Ga., and Behavioral Health Quality Council member for Hospital Corporation of America, is the chair-elect and will assume the role of chair in 2014. Bruce Schwartz, M.D., deputy chairman and professor of clinical psychiatry of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y., is immediate-past chair.

Additionally, new members elected to serve for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013, are:

- **Troy Chisolm**, president, Behavioral Health Hospital, Cone Health, Greensboro, N.C.;
- **William Henricks, Ph.D.**, chief operating officer, Rogers Behavioral Health System, Rogers Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc, Wisc.;

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- **Martha S. Mather**, vice president and chief operating officer, Our Lady of Peace, Louisville, Ky.;
- **Michael A. May, M.D.**, vice president and medical director, Samaritan Mental Health, Samaritan Health Services, Corvallis, Ore.; and,
- **Ann Schumacher**, R.N., vice president and COO, Alegent Creighton Health/Immanuel Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.

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About the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services

The AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services (SPSAS) provides perspective on behavioral health issues. SPSAS represents over 1,300 providers, including psychiatric services provided in general acute care hospitals, as well as freestanding adult, child & adolescent psychiatric hospitals and alcohol & drug hospitals. The purpose of the Section is to promote and enhance the understanding and importance of behavioral health care thru AHA policy, advocacy, and service efforts specific to psychiatric and substance abuse service providers. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at www.aha.org/psych.

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 and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, 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.