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News Release

M. Michelle Hood to Chair AHA's Constituency Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council

WASHINGTON (January 6, 2014) – M. Michelle Hood, FACHE, president and CEO of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems (EMHS) in Brewer, Me., is the 2014 chair of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Constituency Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council.

Hood is a health care veteran with more than 30 years of leadership experience, serving as EMHS' president and CEO since 2006. EMHS is a not-for-profit integrated health delivery system that includes eight hospitals, numerous physician practices, long-term care facilities, home health and hospice, and ground and air emergency transport. As a top performing Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO), EMHS is busy reinventing how it meets today's unique health care challenges, and as a result, clinical and operational integration has accelerated dramatically. In 2012, IMS listed EMHS as one of the 100 top Integrated Health Networks in America. In 2013, EMHS was an AHA NOVA award recipient and six EMHS hospitals were named "Most Wired."

Before arriving at EMHS, Hood was president and CEO of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System, Montana Region, as well as president and CEO of its flagship hospital, St. Vincent Healthcare. Her early career included roles of associate hospital director at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, executive vice president and

chief operating officer of St. Vincent's Hospital (of now Ascension Health) in Birmingham, Ala., and chief administrative officer of Norton Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Hood holds a master of health care administration from Georgia State University and earned her bachelor of science from Purdue University. She is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Hood additionally serves as Chair of The Maine Hospital Association's board of directors (2013-2014); is listed as one of *300 Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know in 2013* by Becker's Hospital Review; and was recognized in 2010 as MaineBiz large company business leader of the year. She also serves as chair of the Voluntary Hospitals Association of New England, representing more than 25 hospitals/health care systems in the six New England states and is immediate past chair of the University of Maine System board of trustees.

Patrick Fry, president and CEO of Sutter Health in Sacramento, Calif., is the chairman-elect of the Constituency Section for Health Care Systems Governing Council and will assume the role of chairman in 2015. Steve Hanson, CEO of Baptist Health in Louisville, Ky. is the immediate past chairman.

Returning governing council members are: Nancy Howell Agee, president and CEO, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, Va.; David L. Bronson, M.D., president and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals, Cleveland; Margaret DeNarvaez, president and CEO, Wellmont Health System, Kingsport, Tenn.; David Dill, president and COO, LifePoint Hospitals, Brentwood, Tenn.; Reynold Jennings, FACHE, president and CEO, WellStar Health System, Marietta, Ga.; Judith Persichilli, RN, BSN, MA, President Emeritus and Special Advisor to the President and CEO, Catholic Health East /Trinity Health, Newton Square, Pa.; Rulon Stacey, Ph.D., FACHE, president, Fairview Health Services, Minneapolis; Thomas Sadvary, CEO, Scottsdale Lincoln Health Network, Scottsdale, Ariz.; William P. Thompson, president and CEO, SSM Health Care, St. Louis; Nick Turkal, M.D., president and CEO, Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee; Arthur Ushijima, president and CEO, The Queen's Health System, Honolulu; and Jeffrey K. Winter, executive consultant, Kindred Healthcare, Louisville, Ky.

New appointees elected to serve on the council for three-year terms are: David Blom, president and CEO, OhioHealth Corporation, Columbus, Ohio; Lloyd Dean, president and CEO, Dignity Health, San Francisco; Larry Kaiser, M.D., president and CEO, Temple University Health System, Philadelphia; William Leaver, president and CEO, UnityPoint Health, West Des Moines, Iowa.; Joseph McDonald, president and CEO, Catholic Health System, Buffalo, N.Y.; and Robert Pryor, M.D., president, COO and CMO, Baylor Scott & white Health, Temple, Texas.

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. 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 website at www.aha.org.