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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **REGINALD COOPWOOD, M.D., TO CHAIR AHA'S METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**WASHINGTON** – January 24, 2014 – Reginald Coopwood, M.D., president and CEO of Regional Medical Center at Memphis, will lead the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Metropolitan Hospitals as chair of its 24-member governing council for 2014. The section is a forum for suburban and urban hospitals to discuss common interests and concerns and to participate in the AHA policy process.

Prior to joining Regional Medical Center in March 2010, Dr. Coopwood was the CEO of the Metropolitan Nashville Hospital Authority. A board-certified surgeon, Dr. Coopwood served as associate clinical professor of surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and associate professor of surgery at Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Coopwood's work at Regional Medical Center is complemented by his commitment to the health and well-being of the individuals in the Memphis community. He chairs the boards of the Tennessee Hospital Association and the MidSouth e-Health Alliance and sits on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, the Memphis Chapter of the March of Dimes and America's Essential Hospitals. Dr. Coopwood is also a member of the UTHSC Chancellor's Advisory Board and an alumnus of Leadership Memphis.

Dr. Coopwood received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in 1985, followed by his general surgical residency in 1990. Wright L. Lassiter III, CEO of Alameda Health System in Oakland, Calif., is this year's chair-elect and will assume the role of chairman in 2015. Douglas Duchak, past president and CEO at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, Englewood, N.J., is immediate past chair.

The Metropolitan governing council advises the AHA on federal policy issues. Newly elected members serving for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2014, include:

**Kathleen R. Becker**, president, SSM St. Mary's Health Center, Richmond Heights, Mo.; **John R. Brumsted, M.D.**, president and CEO, Fletcher Allen Healthcare, Burlington, Vt.; **Pat Currie, FACHE**, president/COO, Baylor Scott & White Health Central Texas, Temple, Texas; **Kreg Gruber**, president, Memorial Hospital of South Bend, South Bend, Ind.; **Kenneth S. Lewis, MD, JD**, president and CEO, Union Hospital, Elkton, Md.; **Catherine Jacobson, FHFMA, CPA**, president and CEO, Froedtert Health, Milwaukee; **George M. Proctor**, SVP and executive director, Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and **William G. Sisson**, president and regional executive, Baptist Health Lexington, Lexington, Ky. The governing council also appointed two new members to a one-year term: **Jacqueline DeSouza**, CEO, Lee's Summit Medical Center, Lee's Summit, Mo. and **Dennis W. Pullin**, president, MedStar Harbor Hospital, Baltimore.

The new governing council members join the following current members: Norman Gruber; president and CEO, Salem Health, Salem, Ore.; Michael Sack, president and CEO, Hallmark Health System, Melrose, Mass.; John Singerling, III, FACHE, president, Palmetto Health, Columbia, S.C.; K. Scott Wester, president and CEO, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, La.; Patty White, president and CEO, St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center, Phoenix; Bo Boulenger, CEO, Baptist Hospital of Miami, Miami; Stephen Carlson, president and CEO, Community Medical Center, Missoula, Mont.; James Collins, president and CEO, St. Clair Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh; Sandra Coletta, president and CEO, Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick, R.I.; Elaine Couture, R.N., chief executive, Providence Sacred Heart Medical

Center & Children's Hospital, Spokane, Wash.; Debra A. Flores, R.N., FACHE, president and administrator, Sentara CarePlex Hospital, Hampton, Va.; and Barbara Martin, R.N., FACHE, president and CEO, Vista Medical Center East, Waukegan, Ill. Daniel Gross, DNSc, executive vice president, Sharp Healthcare, San Diego serves as the AHA board liaison to the section's governing council and W. Stephen Love, President, Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, Irving, TX serves as the Conference on Metropolitan and Regional Hospital Associations liaison.

For more information please go to <http://www.aha.org/aha/member-center/constituency-sections/Metropolitan/index.html>.

### **About the AHA's Section for Metropolitan Hospitals**

The AHA's Section for Metropolitan Hospitals provides representation, advocacy and educational opportunities to help the nation's suburban and urban hospitals better serve the health needs of patients and communities. 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 include 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 website at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

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