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QUINLAVIN RE-APPOINTED TO EMS BOARD

Panel Advises State on Policy Matters

(HARTFORD, Conn.) – John Quinlavin, Pm., of Monroe, Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, has been re-appointed to the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board by State House Majority Leader Denise Merrill. Additionally, State Commissioner of Public Health J. Robert Galvin, M.D., has re-appointed Quinlavin as Chairman of the Advisory Board, based upon the unanimous support of its membership.

The Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Health, the General Assembly and the Governor on regulations, medical guidelines and policies governing the state's system of emergency medical services. The Board also assists in coordinating the efforts of all persons and agencies in Connecticut concerned with the EMS system and renders advice on the development of the EMS system where needed.

Quinlavin has been a member of the Board since its inception in 1998. A licensed paramedic, he has served as Saint Francis' EMS coordinator since 2002. Previously, he was the administrative director of the Norwalk Hospital Paramedic Service.

Founded in 1897, Saint Francis is a major teaching hospital licensed for 617 acute inpatient beds and 65 bassinets. It is the largest Catholic hospital in New England.