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## **Connecticut Hospital Association to Hold 94th Annual Meeting**

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will hold its 94th Annual Meeting on June 27 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. During the meeting, members will elect trustees and officers for 2012-13 Board. Chairman Christopher Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, will pass the gavel to current CHA Vice Chairman Susan Davis, EdD, RN, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Vincent's Health Services. Dr. Davis will assume the Chairman position for a two-year term.

This year's theme, ***The Will to Change – The Courage to Lead: Transforming Connecticut Healthcare***, is about Connecticut hospitals' commitment to being leaders in transforming healthcare through a relentless focus on safe, accessible, affordable, patient-centered care for all.

The meeting will feature a keynote address by two nationally recognized speakers. It will also feature [CHA's annual awards](#), including the Healthcare Heroes awards, the Community Service award, the John D. Thompson award, and the prestigious T. Stewart Hamilton award, which recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to Connecticut healthcare and service to CHA.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, CHA, in collaboration with the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Executives, will host the third annual [Supplier Diversity Forum](#) at the Aqua Turf Club. This year's Forum addresses a key goal of the CHA Diversity Collaborative and will offer practical programming for hospitals as they launch initiatives to increase their purchasing of supplies and services from minority businesses. The vendor fair provides senior executives and purchasing decision makers from member hospitals the opportunity to learn about products and services offered by CHA's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) partners. The education program will consist of two speakers, followed by a hospital panel.

CHA gratefully acknowledges the generous Annual Meeting sponsorship of our Platinum Sponsor, Credit Suisse.

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### **About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, and hospital reimbursement.