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## **The Connecticut Hospital Association Welcomes the Newly Elected Members of its Board of Trustees**

WALLINGFORD – At the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) Annual Meeting, held June 28, 2016, David A. Whitehead, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Hartford HealthCare, began his two-year term as Chairman of the CHA Board of Trustees. He succeeds Bruce D. Cummings, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, who will now serve as Immediate Past Chairman.

Additionally, CHA members elected trustees and officers for the CHA 2016-2017 Board of Trustees.

John M. Murphy, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Western Connecticut Health Network, was elected Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Committee on Patient Care Quality. Christopher M. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Yale New Haven Health, was elected Treasurer. Peter J. Karl, President and Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, was elected Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Government. Patrick A. Charnel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Griffin Hospital, was elected DNS Board Chairman. Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Health - New England, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Population Health. Elliot T. Joseph, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hartford HealthCare, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Hospital Finance. Marna P. Borgstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Hospital, and President and Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Health, was elected Member At Large. Kurt A. Barwis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Hospital, was elected CEO Forum Chairman.

### **Newly elected or re-elected trustees include:**

Vincent G. Capece, President and CEO, Middlesex Hospital; Judith A. Carey, RSM, PhD, Board Member, Trinity Health - New England; Christopher Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Health - New England; William M. Jennings, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bridgeport Hospital; James Mitchell, PhD, Secretary, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital; and James E. Shmerling, DHA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

### **Other members of the 2016-2017 CHA Board include:**

Rohit Bhalla, MD, Vice President, Quality & Chief Quality Officer, Stamford Hospital; Anne Diamond, JD, CNMT, Chief Executive Officer, UConn John Dempsey Hospital; Jeffrey A. Flaks, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Hartford HealthCare; Jennifer Jackson, President and CEO, CHA; Stuart G. Marcus, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Vincent's Medical Center; Kevin A. Myatt, Senior

Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Yale New Haven Health; Colleen O. Smith, RN, Healthcare Consultant, Nursing Consulting Partners; Darlene Stromstad, President & CEO, Waterbury Hospital; and Chad W. Wable, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saint Mary's Hospital.

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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, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.