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Connecticut Hospital Association to Hold 96th Annual Meeting

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will hold its 96th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. This year's theme, *Connecticut Hospitals: Care We Can Count On*, reflects a clear message that Connecticut's hospitals will continue to play a leadership role in transforming healthcare with a dedication to serving their communities by providing safe, accessible, affordable, equitable, patient-centered care for all.

The meeting will feature CHA's annual awards, including the Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award, the John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data, the T. Stewart Hamilton, MD, Distinguished Service Award, the AHA Grassroots Champion Award, and Connecticut's Healthcare Heroes Awards.

Quint Studer, founder of Studer Group, will provide the keynote address. Mr. Studer will discuss the importance of leadership and what it takes to navigate the constantly changing healthcare environment, including the framework, principles, processes, and tactics that hardwire hospital performance excellence. The Studer Group is an outcomes firm that implements evidence-based leadership systems and practices to help organizations achieve, sustain, and accelerate exceptional performance, service, quality, finance, and growth.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, CHA, in collaboration with the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Executives, will host the fifth annual Supplier Diversity Forum at the Aqua Turf. This year the focus of the Forum has broadened to demonstrate how the three goals of increasing diversity of hospital leadership, improving cultural competency, and increasing supplier diversity are inter-related and reinforce each other in supporting the ultimate objective of achieving health equity.

CHA gratefully acknowledges the generous Annual Meeting sponsorship of our Platinum Sponsors, Credit Suisse and Berkeley Research Group.

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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, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.