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CHA Board Chairman Selected as Business Person of the Year



John M. Murphy, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nuvance Health, and Chairman, CHA Board of Trustees, has been named [Business Person of the Year](#) by Westfair Communications. Westfair is the publisher for *Fairfield County Business Journal*, *Westchester County Business Journal*, and *Hudson Valley Business Journal*.

The publication noted that Dr. Murphy was instrumental in Western Connecticut Health Network's merger with Health Quest Systems to form Nuvance Health. First announced in 2018 and finalized in April of 2019, the merger created a \$2.4 billion, seven-hospital system that serves an area with 1.5 million residents across Connecticut and New York and is staffed by more than 12,300 employees.

Dr. Murphy is Chairman of the CHA Board of Trustees and serves on the Board of the Value Care Alliance. He is an advocate on behalf of the healthcare industry on the local, state, and national levels.

Dr. Murphy has more than 40 years of experience in healthcare management and medicine. He joined Western Connecticut Health Network when it was formed, and is a founding member of Nuvance Health. Prior to taking on an administrative role, Dr. Murphy practiced neurology in the Danbury area for 20 years.

Mount Sinai's Dr. Robert Krug Elected to Major National Leadership Role

Robert Krug, MD, President of Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, has assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Medical Rehabilitation Provider's Association (AMRPA), whose work is centered on transforming lives through access to the highest quality of medical rehabilitation care.

Dr. Krug is currently the President and Medical Director of Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, Chief Physician for Rehabilitation Medicine at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and Medical Director for PM&R Services at the Mandell Center for Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Krug is also the current William and Barbara Weldon Chair and Director of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine's Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine and Center for U.S. Veterans Rehabilitation at Quinnipiac University.

AMRPA is the only national voluntary trade association representing more than 650 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units, hospital outpatient departments, as well as skilled nursing facilities. AMRPA members provide rehabilitation services across multiple healthcare settings to help patients maximize their health, functional skills, independence, and participation in society so they can return to home, work, or an active retirement.



Mark Schaefer, PhD, Joins CHA as Vice President, System Innovation and Financing



Mark Schaefer, PhD, currently Director, Healthcare Innovation at the Office of Health Strategy for the State of Connecticut, will join the Connecticut Hospital Association this month as Vice President, System Innovation and Financing.

"Mark's exceptional knowledge of and experience in building strategic alliances and broad community coalitions to implement outcome-based programs will advance CHA's strategic objective of implementing and sustaining a healthcare delivery and financing system that fosters innovation and provides optimal health for all residents of Connecticut communities," said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. "We are pleased to welcome Mark to our leadership team and confident that he will be an outstanding contributor to CHA's member hospitals and health systems."



As an early and innovative leader in the national initiative to transform healthcare through improved quality and reduced costs, Dr. Schaefer led efforts for a \$45 million dollar federal grant, resulting in the design and implementation of multi-payer care delivery reforms and alternative payment models to promote high quality healthcare, health equity, and affordability.

In his new role, Dr. Schaefer will collaborate with a broad coalition of partners to lead CHA's efforts to develop and implement sustainable and innovative payment and care delivery models that improve the health of communities throughout the state.

Fifth Flu-Related Death of the Season Reported

Influenza cases continue to increase across the nation and here in Connecticut. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) reported a fifth death of a state resident from influenza-related illness. All deaths have involved people over the age of 65.

As of December 28, 1,050 people in Connecticut tested positive for the flu and 278 have been hospitalized with the illness, according to DPH. DPH reports that flu is now widespread across the state.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee recommend that all healthcare workers get vaccinated annually.

The CDC estimates that flu has caused at least 4.6 million flu illnesses, 39,000 hospitalizations, and 2,100 deaths since the season began in September. There have been 22 pediatric flu deaths so far this season, but none in Connecticut. Nearly a quarter of reported pediatric deaths this season have been in children younger than six months old.

In 2011, the CHA Board of Trustees adopted a statewide policy endorsing mandatory influenza vaccination for hospital personnel as part of CHA hospitals' commitment to patient safety. The vast majority of CHA acute care member hospitals have implemented a mandatory participation or mandatory vaccination program.



Education Updates

MACRMI Simulation Training

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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The Massachusetts Alliance for Communication and Resolution following Medical Injury (MACRMI) will conduct its first simulation training for disclosure and apology as part of CHA's Communication and Resolution Program Collaborative.

The program is being presented as part of the Partnership for Patients HIIN educational series.

2020 Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Diana Scott, Senior Director of Accreditation, Vizient, will present CHA's annual full-day program outlining The Joint Commission's (TJC's) new standards and national patient safety goals for 2020 and challenges from 2019 with strategies for compliance. Ms. Scott will also review CMS focus areas, as well as best practices for a successful survey. Lisa DiBlasi Moorehead, TJC's Associate Nurse Executive, will provide an overview of the changes implemented by TJC. Attendees will also receive information on compliance data on challenging accreditation standards in Connecticut hospitals.

Lean Principles: Process Flow and Value Stream Mapping in Healthcare

Monday, February 3, 2020

Monday, February 10, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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As the demands of health reform drive change in all areas of healthcare delivery, hospital leaders are focused on transforming their organizations through strategies that simultaneously increase revenue and sharply reduce costs. Lean principles offer leaders a management system and methodology that improves team engagement, eliminates road blocks, and allows hospitals to improve the quality of care for patients by reducing errors and waste streams, including wait times. It is a systematic approach to reducing costs and risks, while simultaneously setting the stage for growth and expansion.

Please note: this is a two-session program, participants should attend both sessions.