



### CHA Statement on the Boston Bombings

CHA is deeply saddened by the horrific bombings in Boston. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, and the greater Boston communities affected by this senseless tragedy. We also want to express our gratitude to the first responders, doctors, nurses, and others who rushed to help the victims in the aftermath of the attack, saving so many lives. We are thankful for the Boston hospital and healthcare community as it continues to work around the clock to care for and support those affected.

We are also saddened by the unfolding events in West, Texas and commend the efforts of first responders and hospital caregivers.

### Connecticut Hospitals Participate in Unique National Safety Program



*The SUSP team at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center*

Several Connecticut hospitals are participating in the Surgical Unit-based Safety Program (SUSP), a national program led by Dr. Peter Pronovost of the Johns Hopkins University Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, intended to reduce surgical site infections and other surgical complications while improving the culture of safety. This program, funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), includes the option of having ethnographers study hospital culture. This is the third quality improvement initiative in which Connecticut hospitals have participated with Dr. Pronovost and his team. Previous initiatives focused on the prevention of central line-associated bloodstream infections and catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

This week, Connecticut hospitals participating in the SUSP program hosted Dr. Charles Bosk, Ph.D., Co-Principal Investigator of the SUSP project and an internationally recognized expert on the social interactions in operating rooms and the teams that inhabit them, and his team on site visits. The team visited Danbury Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, and Norwalk Hospital.

Dr. Bosk, a medical sociologist with more than 35 years of observing healthcare systems and operating rooms, has produced original, persuasive, and enduring theory and research that has changed the way sociologists and other healthcare professionals think about issues of professionalization, socialization, mistakes at work, and social problems.

He and his team are evaluating hospitals' perioperative services to better understand how change occurs, what obstacles inhibit change, and what behaviors enhance it. Team members will return in a year for a follow-up visit.

Read more about SUSP [here](#).

### Budget-Writing Committees to Release FY 2014-2015 Budget Recommendations



Tomorrow, the Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committees are expected to release their budget proposals for the coming two fiscal years. Details will be shared when they become available.

It's unclear at this point whether the Appropriations Committee will make changes to the Governor's proposed \$550 million in cuts to hospitals over the two-year period. It is also unclear whether the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will eliminate or phase down the hospital tax.

Connecticut hospitals strongly oppose the Governor's proposed budget, and have vocally advocated since its release in February for fully funding hospitals. To date, 117,000 emails have been sent to legislators, opposing cuts to hospitals.

### State Representative from Tolland Resigns - Receives Federal Appointment



State Rep. Bryan Hurlburt (D-Tolland) submitted a letter of resignation to the Secretary of the State on April 16, 2013, to accept a post as Executive Director of the federal Farm Service Agency's office in Connecticut. The resignation will take effect at noon on April 19. Preliminary reports indicate that a special election for the open 53rd House district seat will take place on June 11 – six days after the end of the legislative session on June 5, 2013.

Rep. Hurlburt represents the towns of Ashford, Tolland, and Willington in the Connecticut House of Representatives. During this session, Rep. Hurlburt served on the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, the Environment Committee, and the Appropriations Committee, where he served as the chair of the Subcommittee on Conservation and Development.

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In his new position, Rep. Hurlburt will lead the coordination of grants and loans going to agricultural businesses.

## CHA Annual Meeting - Connecticut Hospitals: Caring for People, Serving Our Communities



CHA will hold its 95th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. The premier annual healthcare gathering in Connecticut brings together nearly 600 hospital CEOs, CFOs, physicians, and other key hospital and healthcare decision makers. The meeting provides an exclusive setting for the state's most influential healthcare leaders to celebrate Connecticut hospitals' accomplishments, discuss the challenges of the future, enjoy first-rate entertainment, and network with each other.

This year's theme, *Connecticut Hospitals: Caring for People, Serving Our Communities*, reflects a message that Connecticut's hospitals will continue to play a leadership role in transforming healthcare, while ensuring the safety net remains viable through a focus on safe, accessible, affordable, patient-centered care for all.

The meeting will 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.

The program will feature award-winning presidential historian Michael Beschloss. He is the author of nine bestsellers and is a regular TV commentator. Called "the nation's leading presidential historian" by *Newsweek*, Beschloss is the presidential historian for NBC News, as well as a regular contributor on *Meet the Press* and the PBS *NewsHour*. In 2005, he won an Emmy Award for his role in creating the Discovery Channel series, *Decisions that Shook the World*. He is currently working on a history of American Presidents in wartime, from James Madison to George W. Bush, slated for publication in 2015.

The Annual Meeting is open to members, invited guests, and sponsors. Read more [here](#).

## Education Updates

### Leaping From Staff to Management: The Next Steps

Tuesday, April 23, 2013  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Whether recently assigned to the role of manager or a seasoned veteran, it is important to determine how well your problem solving and decision making skills are keeping pace with the ever-changing healthcare environment. For those who attended "Leaping from Staff to Management: You're a Manager. Now What?" in February, this second course in the two-part program provides additional development for all managers who want to continually improve their skills.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

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### HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule Changes

Wednesday, April 24, 2013  
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The long-delayed HIPAA privacy and security rule changes have finally been issued! These changes will substantially affect operations for all HIPAA covered entities and business associates. This program will explain what's changed, review which policies and contracts related to business associates and their subcontractors need revision, and outline the compliance deadlines.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

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### Partnership for Patients - Preventing CAUTI Session

Tuesday, April 30, 2013  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Healthcare associated infections are targeted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for improvement through the Partnership for Patients national initiative. Join us for an interactive session, which will focus on the sharing of strategies that can assist you in implementing highly reliable processes proven to reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI).

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