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**CHA's 101st Annual Meeting: A Shared Vision For a Healthy Future**

On Thursday, June 20, CHA welcomed to its 101st Annual Meeting nearly 500 hospital executives, administrators, healthcare providers, and other key decision makers from across the region, along with award winners. The theme for the celebration, *A Shared Vision For a Healthy Future*, reflects CHA's work with many partners on multiple fronts—from improving patient safety to addressing social determinants of health, and finding sustainable funding solutions to ensure a vibrant healthcare system for the future.

CHA Board Chairman John M. Murphy, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Nuance Health, addressed the gathering, describing progress made toward CHA strategic plan goals to ensure individuals, communities, and the economy are healthy; quality and patient safety are paramount; providers, policy makers, and payers are aligned; and the healthcare financing system is financially sustainable and linked to outcomes. He discussed a recent Commonwealth Fund report that ranked Connecticut fifth in the nation for state health system performance, progress being made to improve quality, and strides toward a new relationship with the Administration characterized by active engagement and mutual respect.



"Through bold leadership and effective advocacy, coupled with its unique ability to convene and inspire collaboration, CHA has made important strides in unifying and accelerating our approach to building a healthcare system that delivers care that is safe, accessible, affordable, equitable, and patient centered," said Dr. Murphy.

"Successful associations live the principles of unity," said Jennifer Jackson, CHA CEO. "I am confident that we will continue to work together to transform the challenges we face into opportunities. Never underestimate the power of working together."



CHA presented the *2019 John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* to Norwalk Hospital for its project to improve the integration of care for patients receiving joint replacement surgery by implementing a Total Joint Replacement Destination Center of Excellence.

CHA and the Connecticut Department of Public Health awarded the *2019 Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award* to Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent's Medical Center for the *Know Your Numbers* program.

Gaylord Specialty Healthcare also received the *2019 Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award* for its Gynecological Clinic for Women with Disabilities.

David A. Whitehead, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Hartford HealthCare, was honored by the American Hospital Association as Connecticut's *2019 Grassroots Champion*. Mr. Whitehead was recognized for his exceptional leadership in educating elected officials on how issues affect hospitals' ability to serve their communities or perform their vital role, as well as his commitment to broaden the base of community support for hospitals and health systems.

CHA also recognized an inspiring and committed group of individuals from across the state as *Healthcare Heroes*. Greenwich Hospital, L+M Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital received 100-year *AHA Service Awards*.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, guests enjoyed the keynote address delivered by Jeff Flake, who served as U.S. Senator from Arizona from 2013-2019, and as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 2001-2013. Known for his ability to work across the political aisle, Senator Flake took a stand for principle and civility in an era of hyper-partisanship in his *New York Times* bestseller, [Conscience of a Conservative: A Rejection of Destructive Politics and a Return to Principle](#).

Senator Flake echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Jackson about the power of collaboration. "A divided government doesn't get anything done," he said in reference to the current atmosphere of partisan politics in Washington, D.C. "We should always look for bipartisan solutions." He lauded CHA's efforts to find a resolution to the hospital tax and for finding a way to negotiate across the aisles to achieve a goal.



CHA gratefully acknowledges the generous Annual Meeting sponsorship of Platinum Sponsors: Berkeley Research Group and Wiggins and Dana.

**CHA Welcomes Newly Elected Members of its Board of Trustees**

At the CHA Annual Meeting on June 20, members elected trustees and officers for the CHA 2019-2020 Board of Trustees.

John F. Rodis, MD, President, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Patient Care Quality. David A. Whitehead, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Hartford HealthCare, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Population Health. Elliot T. Joseph, 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 Yale New Haven Health, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Government. Vincent G. Capece Jr., President and CEO, Middlesex Health, was elected Executive Committee At Large Member.

Newly elected or reelected trustees include: Peter Adamo, President and CEO, Waterbury Hospital; Thomas J. Balczak, MD, Senior Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, Yale New Haven Health; Judith A. Carey, RSM, PhD, Former Board Member, Trinity Health Of New England; Gil Peri, President and Chief Operating Officer, Connecticut Children's; Lynn Ricci, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hospital for Special Care; and Kathleen Silard, President and CEO, Stamford Health.



Other members of the 2019-2020 CHA Board include: Chairman John M. Murphy, MD, Chief Executive Officer, NuVance Health; Vice Chairman and Treasurer Christopher M. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Yale New Haven Health; President and CEO Jennifer Jackson, Connecticut Hospital Association; DNS Board Chairman Patrick A. Charnel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Griffin Hospital; CEO Forum Chairman Kurt A. Barwis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Health; Rohit Bhalla, MD, Vice President, Quality and Chief Quality Officer, Stamford Health; Anne Diamond, JD, President and CEO, Day Kimball Healthcare; Jeffrey A. Flaks, President and Chief Operating Officer, Hartford HealthCare; Bimal Patel, President, Hartford HealthCare Hartford Region; Stuart E. Rosenberg, President, Johnson Memorial Hospital; and Ena Williams, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Yale New Haven Hospital.

## CHA Awards Celebrate Healthcare Leaders and Heroes

Bridgeport Hospital, Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, Norwalk Hospital, St. Vincent's Medical Center, and a diverse group of healthcare heroes and leaders were honored for their dedication to improving the health of Connecticut residents.



CHA presented [Norwalk Hospital](#) the *2019 John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data* for improving the integration of care for patients receiving joint replacement surgery. Watch a video about the project [here](#).

CHA and the Connecticut Department of Public Health awarded the *2019 Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award* to Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent's Medical Center for the [Know Your Numbers](#) program, and to Gaylord Specialty Healthcare for its [Gynecological Clinic for Women with Disabilities](#). Watch a video about the winners [here](#).



The American Hospital Association *2019 Grassroots Champion Award*, created to recognize hospital leaders who effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, was presented to [David A. Whitehead](#), Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Hartford HealthCare. Watch a video [here](#).



CHA honored an inspiring and committed group of *Healthcare Heroes* at its Annual Meeting on June 20. Read more about them [here](#).

Congratulations to all CHA award winners.

## Update Summer Schedule

*CHA Update* will be published on a biweekly schedule throughout the summer. The next issue will be published on Friday, July 5, 2019. Update will return to a regular weekly schedule after Labor Day on Thursday, September 5, 2019.