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ACHE Installs 20 New Regents, Appoints Four Interim Regents

CHICAGO, March 14, 2016—Twenty healthcare executives have been elected to serve three-year terms as Regents of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The Regents took office March 12 at the Council of Regents Meeting preceding ACHE's 59th Congress on Healthcare Leadership.

In addition, four Regents recently were appointed to represent members on an interim basis in California—Southern, Nevada, North Dakota and Washington.

The elected Regents will represent ACHE members in their respective jurisdictions; Interim Regents serve until the next election can be held. All individuals are board certified in healthcare management as ACHE Fellows.

Following are the new Regents and the jurisdictions they represent:

Air Force—Lt Col Gigi A. Simko, FACHE, U.S. Air Force

Army—COL Mark D. Swofford, PhD, FACHE, U.S. Army

Arkansas—Brian Barnett, FACHE, assistant vice chancellor, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Ark.

California—Northern & Central—Erick Berry, FACHE, area quality leader, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, Calif.

California—Southern—Mary T. Parra, FACHE (Interim Regent), director of grants, Mental Health Systems Inc., San Diego

Colorado—Kellie L. McClure, FACHE, director, academic affairs, National Jewish Health, Denver

Connecticut—Kurt A. Barwis, FACHE, president/CEO, Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group Inc., Bristol, Conn.

Florida—Eastern—Donald G. Henderson, FACHE, president/CEO, Central Florida Health, Leesburg, Fla.

Indiana—Christopher A. DiGiusto, FACHE, vice president, ambulatory services, Franciscan Alliance, Carmel, Ind.

Iowa—David H. Hickman, FACHE, vice president, Mercy Health Network, West Des Moines, Iowa

Kentucky—Carl R. Whittenburg, FACHE, assistant vice president, primary care, St. Elizabeth Physicians, Corporate Office, Crestview Hills, Ky.

Maine—Marie E. Vienneau, FACHE, president/CEO, Mayo Regional Hospital, Dover Foxcroft, Maine

Mississippi—Dodie McElmurray, FACHE, COO, Greenwood Leflore Hospital, Greenwood, Miss.

Nevada—Cindy D. Johnson, FACHE (Interim Regent), vice president, Rural Physicians Group, Fallon, Nev.

New Mexico & Southwest Texas—Mary A. Jacintha, FACHE, executive administrator, University of New Mexico Health System, Albuquerque, N.M.

New York—Metropolitan New York—Solomon A. Torres, FACHE, vice president, administration, Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, N.Y.

North Dakota—Keith E. Heuser, FACHE (Interim Regent), president, CHI Mercy Health, Valley City, N.D.

South Dakota—Mark Schulte, FACHE, president, Sturgis Regional Hospital and Sturgis Market, Sturgis, S.D.

Texas—Central & South—Michael Nowicki, EdD, FACHE, professor of health administration, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

Veterans Affairs—Robert P. McDivitt, FACHE, director/CEO, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Washington—William J. Reid, FACHE (Interim Regent), senior vice president, product management and partnerships, SCI Solutions, Kirkland, Wash.

West Virginia & Western Virginia—Jeffrey H. Goode, FACHE, vice president, ambulatory services, Charleston Area Medical Center, and president, Charleston Area Medical Center Physicians Group, Charleston, W.Va.

Wisconsin—Andrew M. Hillig, FACHE, vice president, operational excellence, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Glendale, Wis.

Wyoming—Stephen M. Erixon, FACHE, CEO, SageWest Health Care, Lander, Wyo.

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The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE's mission is to advance its members and healthcare management excellence. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its vision of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving health. The **Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management, including textbooks for college and university courses.

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