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Dear NAHSE Members and Friends,

I hope this message finds you all doing well and enjoying the last days of what has proven to be a brutal winter for most. I am extremely happy that spring is near. As we settle into 2015, I would like to take a moment to update you on a few important strategic initiatives.

In December, we held our Annual Leadership Retreat in New Orleans where we reviewed the Association’s progress toward our priority focus areas. I am happy to report that we are making significant progress and are well on the way to exceeding our goals. Development activity in support of the Career Transformation Center (CTC) is progressing at a steady pace and significant strides have been made towards an October 2015 launch. To date, we have raised $58,500 in support of the CTC initiative, which means we are just $1,500 away from our goal! Thank you to all of our inaugural corporate sponsors, members and local chapters that have contributed to this monumental initiative. Your financial contributions and continued support of NAHSE is sincerely appreciated.

On a national level, we continue our work to increase the overall number of minorities represented on corporate boards and in healthcare leadership positions. Our partnership efforts with the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Hospital Association, Institute for Diversity in Health Management, National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives, Asian Healthcare Leaders Association, and Rainbow Healthcare Leaders Association are resulting in a number of successful collaborations. These collaborations include webinars, panel discussions and open dialogues with many of the industry’s best and brightest talent. Additional efforts are underway in 2015 as we continue to raise awareness and educate the industry on issues impacting minorities and underserved communities.

Our local chapters are the lifeline of our association and in January we launched the 1000 member campaign, a friendly competition geared toward helping NAHSE reach 1,000 financially active members. The chapter with the largest increase in its membership percentage will win $1,000 toward its chapter sustainability initiatives. This is another exciting initiative that I am proud to share. Let’s all do our part to reach out and share the benefits of NAHSE with those who are unfamiliar and re-engage individuals who were once members.

2015 promises to be an exciting year and I am looking forward to connecting with all of you. Over the next 90 days I plan to visit the Southern California, South Florida and the Washington Metro Chapters to communicate our national priorities and engage with our local members.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and dedication to advancing our mission. These efforts are empowering NAHSE to continue the legacy of our founders. I continue to be honored and proud to serve as your National President.

Best Regards,
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National President
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Now in its third year, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee’s 2015 diversity scholarship application process is open. This year, the scholarship amount has been increased from $5,000 to $10,000. As health care reform brings increased access to insurance to populations never covered before, it also creates a greater need for a qualified, diverse workforce to deliver health care.

To address this need, the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee community trust, in collaboration with the Memphis Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE), is offering three $10,000 college scholarships to Tennessee minority students pursuing careers in health care.

The scholarships – which recognize outstanding achievements in academics, community service and leadership – are awarded to undergraduate students who wish to pursue careers in health care.

“These scholarships provide a much-needed resource for minority students to achieve continued academic success,” said Ron Harries, Director of Workforce Diversity for BlueCross.

“This financial assistance will not only help deserving students achieve their dreams but should also improve diversity in the health care field.”

According to BlueCross’ research on health care reform and its impacts on minority populations in Tennessee, African-Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians as well as other pacific islanders remain underrepresented in medicine relative to their numbers in the U.S. population and populations in specific states, regions and localities.

The money will be distributed in two increments of $5,000 over two semesters. Applications are due February 28, 2015.
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The legal and regulatory issues facing health care executives and hospitals are getting more demanding every day. As a member of NAHSE, I can see firsthand NAHSE’s determination and tenacity to tease out the critical issues facing the health of our communities, and to represent and promote the interest of good, prudent patient care to our legislators.

More than ever, we need people with experience and sound clinical knowledge – such as the staff of NAHSE – in our court during these times. As the regulatory environment increases in complexity, I can’t imagine any individual health care executive or hospital trying to tackle these issues on his or her own.
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The National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) is a non-profit association of Black health care executives founded in 1968 for the purpose of promoting the advancement and development of Black health care leaders, and elevating the quality of health care services rendered to minority and underserved communities. Since its inception, NAHSE has sponsored and participated in local and national programs and projects designed to improve quality, access and availability to health services and to expand educational opportunities in the field of Health Services Administration.

NAHSE’s purpose is to ensure greater participation of minority groups in the health field. Its basic objective is to develop and maintain a strong viable national body to more effectively have input in the national health care delivery system. It has provided a vehicle for Blacks to effectively participate in the design, direction and delivery of quality health care to all people.

Membership Benefits

Networking Opportunities: Meetings and participation in other activities provide you the opportunity to make a personal connection with other health care professionals.

Professional Projects / Workshops and Educational Programs: Learn from those who are in positions of leadership at their respective institutions. Their years of experience can prove an invaluable tool to those who are not as advanced in their careers.

National NAHSE’s Job Bank and Mentoring Opportunities: Annual meetings and Educational Conferences provide the kind of opportunity, and investment, needed in today’s workplace to assist in the furtherance of your career.

For Additional Information, or to connect with your local chapter, go to:

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Welcome Britain Lanae Adams To The NAHSE Family of Friends

MHA-Delware Valley Chapter President, Dominic Adams, recently had a baby girl. Her name is Britain Lanae Adams. She was born January 9, 2015 and weighed in at 7lbs 6oz.
Mario Garner, 34, was hired in the summer of 2013 as CEO, asked to oversee construction of the $130 million facility, lead licensing and accreditation efforts and recruit the hospital’s physicians and employees. Today, the facility—on the site of the former Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital that was destroyed by Katrina—has 100 physicians on staff and 230 employees serving a community of more than 120,000 residents.

“There’s been a lot of excitement around the reopening of the hospital. Many in the community feel it’s been well worth the wait,” said Garner, who previously was chief operating officer at HCA Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, Ga., for two years. Garner said he was confident he was up to the task when he was named CEO.

“My professional background has involved leading initiatives in construction, renovation, building profitable hospital service lines, recruiting physicians, as well as championing employee- and patient-satisfaction initiatives.”

Garner said he knows his job has only just begun. “My greatest opportunity is to get the new hospital’s service delivery model right,” he said. “For the past nine years, it has become the norm for [patients] to not only go to other hospitals, but also to follow their physicians, most of whom also have relocated outside of the neighborhood post-Katrina. My goal is that every patient who enters our facility leaves with a positive experience, and as a result, will request that their providers send them to us for care.”

In recognition of Garner’s work in the Crescent City and throughout his young career, the American College of Healthcare Executives has named him the recipient of its 2015 Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. The award is given to an exceptional executive under age 40 who is an ACHE Fellow and holds a CEO or chief operating officer position in a healthcare organization. Last year, Garner also was named one of Modern Healthcare’s Up & Comers, which recognizes accomplished healthcare leaders age 40 or younger.

“Over the years, I have attended several ACHE congresses on healthcare leadership and witnessed the Hudgens Award ceremony, which takes place before thousands of healthcare leaders from around the globe. Who would have thought in 2015 it would be me?” Garner said. “I dedicate the honor to my parents and family, who are unwaveringly supportive, and I share the award with the board, physicians and staff of New Orleans East Hospital for their dedication in rebuilding our facility.”

Garner received a doctorate in education from the University of Houston; a master’s degree in healthcare administration from Tulane University in New Orleans; a bachelor’s degree in microbiology from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and was the 1998 valedictorian of Lake Charles, La.

Recruitment for the top job at New Orleans East was handled by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, based in Baton Rouge, which partnered with the city of New Orleans to oversee management of the hospital’s development, licensing and accreditation. Robert Burgess, CEO of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Gonzales, La., a Franciscan facility, said Garner was the obvious choice for the job. “We wanted someone with talent, who was mission-driven, and in the best case, would be a native son of Louisiana with close personal ties to New Orleans and Katrina,” Burgess said. “Mario fit perfectly.”

The Rev. Dr. Ricky Porter, pastor of Washington Street Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Ga., knows Garner as a member of his congregation during Garner’s time at Fairview Park Hospital. “I saw him engage with patients, visiting them in their rooms and bringing his spiritual presence,” Porter said. “It wasn’t part of the job description, but he was a part of the community and wanted patients to know he cared.”

Garner continues his mission-driven approach to leadership at New Orleans East. “It’s important that the hospital’s staff, physicians and certainly the leadership team buy into our service model of being courteous, concerned, kind and compassionate in delivering superior healthcare.”
Jay Powell, FACHE Appointed Vice President
Medicare-Medicaid Plans for First Choice VIP Care Plus
By Joshua Brett, Manager - Regional Media Relations, AmeriHealth Caritas | January 14, 2015

First Choice VIP Care Plus is currently enrolling members, with services expected to begin on February 1, 2015. First Choice VIP Care Plus will be one of four MMPs participating in Healthy Connections Prime, which is open to the state’s non-institutionalized dual eligibles age 65 and older.

Powell has been employed with AmeriHealth Caritas since January 2012. During this time, he has served in a variety of sales, marketing and operations leadership roles for the organization’s Medicaid and Medicare businesses. He first joined the organization as a director of Market Expansion and Development, where he was responsible for promoting the company’s products, services and solutions to state and local governments, as well as other public health care program stakeholders.

Powell reports to John Baackes, president of Medicare and Medicaid.

Powell is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE). He is a past treasurer of NAHSE’s Baltimore chapter.

“During his nearly 20 years in health care, Jay’s leadership, vision and ability to build relationships with key government, provider and other stakeholders have helped build healthier communities across the country,” said Baackes. “These qualities will be advantageous as we launch our newest product for dual eligibles.”

AmeriHealth Caritas first entered the South Carolina market through its acquisition of Select Health and its First Choice Medicaid plan in 1999. First Choice is the state’s oldest and largest Medicaid health plan.

For more information about First Choice VIP Care Plus, visit www.firstchoicevipcareplus.com.

“We have served South Carolina’s Medicaid recipients for nearly two decades. First Choice VIP Care Plus will provide a greater number of South Carolinians in need with the opportunity to experience the benefits of our model of care,” said Powell. “I look forward to working with all health care stakeholders to ensure that First Choice VIP Care Plus improves the health of the state’s dual eligibles.”

About AmeriHealth Caritas
AmeriHealth Caritas is one of the nation’s leaders in health care solutions for those most in need. AmeriHealth Caritas operates in 16 states and the District of Columbia, and serves more than 6 million Medicaid, Medicare and CHIP members through its integrated managed care products, pharmaceutical benefit management services, behavioral health services and other administrative services. Headquartered in Philadelphia, AmeriHealth Caritas is a mission-driven company with 30 years of experience serving low-income and chronically ill populations. For more information, visit www.amerihalthcaritas.com.

Christie Grays Inducted as President of NAHSE

By Joshua Brett, Manager - Regional Media Relations, AmeriHealth Caritas | January 14, 2015

Christie Grays, Director of Community Relations at Baptist Health South Florida, was inducted as the new president for the South Florida Chapter of National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE). The 2015 ceremony was sponsored by Broward Health Community Health Services.

The honorable Florida Senator, Dwight Bullard, conducted the swearing in ceremony.

“I am delighted to be a part of this reputable national organization,” says Christie grays. “I look forward to continuing in our efforts to promote the advancement and development of black and minority health care leaders throughout the south Florida communities.”

Christie grays is a graduate of Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia with a degree in English. She is currently pursuing an MBA with the University of Manchester.

Prior to serving as the Director of Community Relations at Baptist Health South Florida, Christie held the position in Baptist’s Office of Diversity as the Director of Culture and Inclusion. Grays also held positions at two national healthcare organizations: ApolloMD and Duke Healthcare, as their VP and Director of Business Development. Grays is active in many community establishments. She also has received various honors including: recognition in the Miami Herald/Legacy as one of South Florida’s most influential and prominent black women in business in September of 2013.

The south Florida Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives was chartered in 1995 to educate and develop minority healthcare leaders while promoting C-suite diversity for healthcare organizations throughout the tri-county area (Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade) of South Florida.

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George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States, leads a strong roster of speakers that also includes Alex Gourlay, President, Walgreens; Bruce D. Broussard, President and CEO, Humana; and Jeremy Gutsche, Founder of Trendhunter.com and Author of “Exploiting Chaos.”

The HIMSS15 Exhibit Hall will feature the Connected Patient Gallery, Federal Health IT Solutions Pavilion, HIMSS First-Time Exibitors Area, HIMSS Health IT Value Suite, HIMSS Interoperability Showcase™, Intelligent Health™ Pavilion (formerly known as Intelligent Hospital Pavilion), and three Knowledge Centers focused on clinical and business intelligence, disaster preparedness and mobile health.

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To learn more about NAHSE, visit us at www.nahse.org. For more information about HIMSS15 and to register, visit www.himssconference.org.

NAHSE Houston Chapter Promotes National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

With Texas Southern University Health Administration Students

Submitted By Houston Chapter - National Association of Health Services Executives | February 5, 2015

What does President Barack H. Obama (during his term as Illinois Senator), Congressman Elijah E. Cummings; Tony Dungy; Idris Elba; Kimberly Elise; Lance Gross; Hill Harper; Taraji P. Henson; Tom Joyner; Congresswoman Barbara Lee; Chris Bridges (aka Ludacris); Percy Miller (aka Master P); Tangi Miller; Patrik-Ian Polk; General Colin Powell; Sheryl Lee Ralph; Gloria Reuben; Romeo; Rev. Edwin Sanders; Tavis Smiley and Congresswoman Maxine Waters all have in common? They have all served as spokespersons for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), recognized on February 7th of each and every year, since 2000.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was conceived by five national organizations funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1999 to provide capacity building assistance to Black communities and organizations.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day began as a grass roots effort with hundreds of organizations registering events and/or activities to raise the awareness of HIV and AIDS in their communities. It is continually shaped around the needs of those communities that work hard each and every year to make it a success. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African Americans have the most severe burden of HIV of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Compared with other races and ethnicities, African Americans account for a higher proportion of HIV infections at all stages of disease—from new infections to deaths.

February 7, 2014 marks the 14th year for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a national HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative targeted at Blacks in the United States and the Diaspora. There are four specific focal points: educate, test, involve, and treat. From an educationally focal point, the task is to get African Americans educated about the basics of HIV/AIDS in their local communities. Since testing is at the core of this initiative, it is our intention to have February 7th become an annual or biannual day to get tested for HIV. This is vital for those who are sexually active and those at high risk of contracting HIV. When it comes to community and organization leadership, getting Blacks involved to serve is another key focus.

We need Black People from all walks of life, economic classes, literacy levels, shades and tones as well as communities (large and small) to get connected to the work happening on the ground in their local areas. And lastly, for those living with HIV or newly testing positive for the virus, getting them connected to treatment and care services becomes paramount. We have learned that you can’t lead Black people towards HIV/AIDS education, prevention, testing, leadership or treatment unless you love them. And, we can’t save Black people from an epidemic unless we serve Black people.

With the Affordable Care Act now in motion, NAHSE Houston Chapter is very involved with the quality of healthcare for the African American community of Houston. It becomes particularly important for those who are at the highest risk of contracting HIV to get tested and connected to HIV/AIDS prevention, education, testing, and treatment programs and services in their area.

Vicky Williams, Chapter President states by working together, NAHSE can ensure future generations will not have to bury or watch others struggle with HIV/AIDS. NAHSE is excited about partnering with the TSU Health Administration Department.

For more information on NAHSE, please visit www.nahse.org. For more information about NAHSE Houston Chapter, please contact the Chapter President Vicky Williams at 281-849-1473 or nahsehouston@gmail.com.

DIATHERIX Laboratories, Inc., one of the country’s leading providers of molecular diagnostic services, today announced the appointment of Ruth W. Brinkley, FACHE, to its Board of Directors.

Brinkley has more than 40 years of healthcare experience working in private, public, academic, community-based and healthcare organizations. She currently serves as president and chief executive officer of KentuckyOne Health, Kentucky’s largest health system, and as senior vice president of operations for Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI). At KentuckyOne Health, Brinkley oversees approximately 13,000 employees in more than 200 locations across the state of Kentucky and southern Indiana.

"Ruth has an impressive history of providing healthcare organizations across the country with keen strategic direction that results in improved operational performance and overall company growth," said Dennis Grimaud, CEO of DIATHERIX Laboratories. "We are proud to have her as a board member and her exceptional leadership experience and industry insight will be integral as we continue to position the company as one of the leading innovators in molecular diagnostics."

Prior to her role at KentuckyOne Health, Brinkley served as president and CEO of Carondelet Health Network, a part of Ascension Health and Southern Arizona’s largest health system. In this position, Brinkley was responsible for overseeing Ascension’s operations in Idaho and Washington. In previous years, Brinkley held several executive roles with CHI such as president and chief executive officer of Memorial Health Care System in Chattanooga, Tenn.; senior vice president for performance management for CHI nationally where she led system-wide operations improvements; and group vice president in Louisville, Kentucky.

Brinkley is a founding member of the Women Business Leaders of the U.S. Health Care Industry Foundation and is a frequent speaker on both healthcare delivery and leadership. She currently serves as a member of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange Advisory and is on the boards of DePaul University, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Greater Louisville, Inc. She is also a member of the National Association of Health Services Executives and the American College of Healthcare Executives and was named one of the “10 Most Admired CEOs in Healthcare” in 2014 by Becker’s Hospital Review and in 2010 and 2014 she was recognized as one of Modern Healthcare’s “Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare.” Brinkley holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in nursing from DePaul University and is a registered nurse.

ABOUT DIATHERIX
DIATHERIX Laboratories, Inc. is located in the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville, AL. DIATHERIX operates as an independent high complexity CLIA-certified clinical laboratory providing advanced multiplex molecular diagnostic services to assist healthcare providers in the detection of infectious diseases providing one-day results and single sample collection.

For more information, please visit the company’s website at www.DIATHERIX.com.

NAHSE-WMAC Hosts Annual Meet And Greet In Washington, DC
Submitted By The Washington DC Metro - National Association of Health Services Executives | January 30, 2015

NAHSE-WMAC held its 2015 Meet and Greet Happy Hour on January 29, 2015 at Lounge 201 in Washington, D.C. The event was attended by more than 75 guest as the Chapter kicked off the year with an exciting lineup of programs and social events. NAHSE-WMAC registered 5 new members on-site and provided information to perspective new members. NAHSE-WMAC plans to hold several meet and greet events throughout the year in an effort to engage and connect members and friends from across the region.
Andwele M. Jolly, manager of business operations for the Divisions of Allergy & Immunology and of Rheumatology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, has been elected to the board of directors of the Missouri Foundation for Health.

Jolly was elected to a three-year term, which began in December.

The Missouri Foundation for Health is an independent philanthropic foundation that works with communities and nonprofit organizations to generate and accelerate positive changes in health. The organization, which works to increase access to care for the uninsured and underserved, serves 84 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.

Jolly has been with the School of Medicine since 2012, when he became the school’s first executive management fellow. As a fellow, he participated in executive-level projects involving faculty, leadership forums and clinical operations. He was named to his most recent appointment in 2014.

Jolly earned his bachelor’s degree and his clinical doctorate in physical therapy from Washington University. He earned master’s degrees of business administration and of health administration from Georgia State University.

“I believe that joining the Missouri Foundation for Health Board of Directors is one small part of giving back to a community that has served me and my family well,” Jolly said. “My hope for the region is that everyone has timely access to exceptional and affordable health care, eliminating health-care disparities and improving health outcomes for all.”

Washington University School of Medicine’s 2,100 employed and volunteer faculty physicians also are the medical staff of Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children’s hospitals. The School of Medicine is one of the leading medical research, teaching and patient-care institutions in the nation, currently ranked sixth in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Through its affiliations with Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children’s hospitals, the School of Medicine is linked to BJC HealthCare.
NAHSE Chicago Chapter Hosts
2015 Kickoff Membership Meeting
Submitted By The Chicago Chapter - National Association of Health Services Executives | January 29, 2015

On January 29, 2015 the Chicago Chapter of NAHSE held its 2015 membership kickoff meeting. The anticipation was very strong for the event, and experienced by the sellout crowd that came out to hear keynote speaker, Robert Winn, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Associate Vice-President of Health Affairs and Director of the Lung Cancer Program at the University of Illinois Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Winn completed his B.S. in Biology at the University of Notre Dame and his M.D. at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He completed his Internship and residency at Rush University Medical Center and fellowship at the University of Colorado Medical Center.

As a specialist in pulmonary and critical care with a primary interest in lung cancer, Dr. Winn has led and served on a number of committees to develop the next generation of physician-scientists. He has received numerous awards for excellence in teaching, scholarship, leadership, and diversity service. His interest is advancing bench science from the laboratory to the bedside and onto the community, particularly communities of color. Dr. Winn discussed the incidence and prevalence of breast, prostate, and lung cancers in the African American community at the national and local level. He discussed the importance in securing NIH funding to examine these conditions and to promote research investigation into these diseases.

Unfortunately, with the history of the Tuskegee experiment into syphilis treatment, African Americans are reluctant to participate in clinical trials. His research works to change the negative perspective of clinical research.

There were 90 registrants in attendance. The location was at the Mile Square Health Center, a newly constructed federally-qualified health center on the Westside of Chicago adjacent to the UIC Medical Center complex and a member of the Illinois Medical District. The members benefited by hearing the history of Mile Square Health Center and how it is changing to adapt to its community and the healthcare landscape.

The organization would like to thank Sherri Peavy, COO of Mile Square and President-Elect of the NAHSE Chicago Chapter.

In addition to having the largest number of attendees for a monthly meeting, the chapter signed four participants to NAHSE membership.

Sherri Peavy remarked that “all the new faces in the audience present exciting times and a renewed interest in NAHSE’s Chicago Chapter”.

Steven Wilson, NAHSE’s Chicago Chapter President had the pleasure of awarding a commemorative plaque to Melissa Cooper, the widow of former NAHSE Chapter Treasurer, Cory Cooper, who passed away in December 2014. The plaque was acknowledgement of the contributions Cory had made to the Chapter and the education of Chicago youth. Steven announced the establishment of a scholarship to be named the ‘Cory and Melissa Cooper Scholarship’ to be awarded to a deserving underprivileged student who desires to pursue a career in healthcare administration.

We have a very robust calendar of events planned for 2015. Two events in particular are:

- The Annual Spring Fling, to once again be held at the world famous Buddy Guy Legends. The date of this event is Monday, March 16, 2015. This event will be held in conjunction with ACHE Congress. We’re also pleased to announce that we have a brand-new local R&B band, and one of the top DJs in Chicago. Two floors have been secured to house the event this year.

- The inaugural Chicago Healthcare Minority Leadership Awards Dinner. We are pleased to announce that for this event, we will have as our keynote speaker the Congressman Danny Davis. The date of this event is August 27, 2015.

As you can see it’s going to be a busy year for the Chapter, and we’re excited about not only this year but the next two years as we advance our succession planning process.
NAHSE Members and Friends,

It is such a pleasure to share great news of our members with you...

Dr. Edison Bond Jr.
VP and Chief Patient Experience Officer
Arnot Health Systems

Please join NYR NAHSE in congratulating our 2001-2003 Past President, Dr. Edison Bond, Jr., to his new appointment of Vice President and Chief Patient Experience Officer for Arnot Health Systems in Elmira, New York.

In this new position, he will work directly with executives, managers, and staff throughout the system to establish and maintain consistent standards for patient experience and customer service throughout Arnot Health. Dr. Bond will be responsible for leading the instillation of a culture of service excellence, hospitality, ownership, accountability, and results. Dr. Bond’s years of experience in healthcare/hospital operations management, as well as patient and guest relations spans over 20 + years.

He previously served as the Director of Patient and Guest Relations at SUNY Downstate Medical Center University Hospital of Brooklyn. Under his leadership the hospital received the prestigious 2014 Press Ganey Commitment to Excellence Award for Continuous Improvement in Patient Experience. The Commitment to Excellence Award recognized healthcare organizations that achieved continuous improvement in Patient Experience during a two-year span. Downstate is the only academic medical center recognized in the Commitment to Excellence category in the country.

Dr. Bond has received numerous awards and recognition for his leadership and commitment to advocacy. Dr. Bond received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University, masters degree in public health from Brooklyn College; masters of divinity from New York Theological Seminary and his doctoral degree from New York Theological Seminary.

Dominique Morgan-Solomon, MPH
Chief Operating Officer
Steward Medical Group

Dominique Morgan-Solomon, MPH has been promoted to the role of Chief Operating Officer of Steward Medical Group, the multispecialty practice organization for Steward Health Care.

Steward Medical Group is comprised of over 700 multi-specialty Providers, providing approximately 1 million patient encounters per year in Steward Health Care, which is the largest fully integrated community care organization and community hospital network in New England.

Ms. Morgan-Solomon previously served as Vice President of Population Health at Steward Health Care Network, the system’s fully integrated care management company, and was responsible for overseeing the clinical integration, care management, performance improvement, ambulatory care, post-acute care and care transitions.

Ms. Morgan-Solomon began with Steward Health Care in February 2012. Before joining Steward, she was a consultant with Kaiser Permanente in California, working to oversee the management of complex care patient populations. Dominique holds a Master’s of Public Health from the University of Michigan and earned her Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University.

Roy L. Hawkins, Jr.
Chief Operating Officer
Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, VA

HCA Virginia has announced that Roy Hawkins, Jr. will serve as chief operating officer for Johnston-Willis Hospital.

“Throughout his career, Roy has been recognized as a distinguished leader with an impressive history of operational success,” said Brandon Haushalter, chief executive officer of Johnston-Willis Hospital. “He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to Johnston-Willis and I am confident he will prove to be a tremendous resource to all of our associates and physicians.”

Hawkins previously served as the COO and deputy director of the 415-bed James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Fla. He spent 15 years with the VA system and has been recognized at both the regional and national levels for excellence in leadership, being selected as the 2011 Young Healthcare Executive of the Year by the National Association of Health Service Executives. He also was named by the Orlando Business Journal as a “Top 40 Under 40” honoree.

Hawkins received his undergraduate degree in business administration from Howard University and his master’s in health services administration from Florida International University. He is the 2013-2015 President of the National Association of Health Services Executives and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.
Raymond Vicks, CPA  
Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
HSC Healthcare System  
Washington, DC  
The HSC Health Care System  
Welcomes New Deputy Chief Financial Officer Raymond Vicks  
will succeed Nancy Southers as chief financial officer in 2016 Washington, D.C.

The HSC Health Care System, a D.C.-based non-profit committed to serving families with complex health care needs and eliminating barriers to health services, announced today that Raymond Vicks will become its new deputy chief financial officer.

Mr. Vicks will begin his work on March 2, 2015. With more than 33 years of experience in finance, audit and advisory services, he will work closely with the System’s vice president of finance and chief financial officer, Nancy Southers, on various operational and contracting projects. Ms. Southers will also prepare Mr. Vicks to succeed her as chief financial officer effective January 1, 2016.

“Ray Vicks’ expertise in audit and advisory services, combined with his knowledge of the Washington metropolitan health care market, will be a tremendous asset to our organization,” said Thomas W. Chapman, EdD, MPH, president and CEO. “While Nancy Southers’ retirement will be deeply felt, we look forward to celebrating her remarkable 17-year career with The HSC Health Care System as she works side-by-side with Mr. Vicks over the next year.”

Raymond Vicks has provided professional services to numerous health care organizations, including academic medical centers and schools of medicine, health insurers and managed care plans, long-term care facilities, physician practice groups, public health care financing and provider agencies, and tertiary care and specialty medical centers.

Mr. Vicks most recently served as a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, where he worked in its northeast and southern California markets as the health care sector assurance leader. Prior to this role, he served as the federal sector assurance leader and as a member of the firm’s assurance extended leadership team.

His experience includes corporate governance and audit committee advisory services; enterprise risk management and compliance function advisory services; external financial auditing and accounting advisory services; financial feasibility studies, demand analyses and sensitivity modeling for revenue bond financing transactions; health care network development transactional and strategic advisory services; performance improvement in finance and cost management functional areas; and reimbursement compliance and improvement studies.

A member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Healthcare Financial Management Association and the National Association of Health Services Executives, Mr. Vicks received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Virginia Tech, and is a CPA licensed in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and Massachusetts.

He has also served as an adjunct professor at Howard University, as vice chair of the board of directors at Prince George’s Hospital Center, and as a member of Dimensions Healthcare System’s and Providence Hospital’s finance committees.

To learn more about The HSC Health Care System’s parent organization and operating entities, visit www.hscfoundation.org.

Calvin T. Wright, FACHE  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Resource Officer  
Mercy Health  
Mercy Health’s continuing transformation has resulted in promotions and reassignment of several home office executives. Calvin Wright was promoted to senior vice president, retaining his title of chief resource officer. He will oversee their ministry’s Supply Chain organization – as well as real estate, construction management, clinical engineering and dietary services.

Calvin has advanced Supply Chain excellence in numerous ways-partnering with Premier and the Catholic Contracting Group, dramatically increasing Mercy’s commitment to diversity purchasing, and standing up the new Facility Support Services function.

Before joining Mercy Health in 2004, Calvin was corporate director of Materials Management for Vanguard Health Systems.

Calvin earned an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master of Healthcare Administration from Xavier University.

He is also a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, serves on the board for Bethany House Services in Cincinnati, Ohio and the strategic advisory council for Premier Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina.
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