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### **TERESA L. EDWARDS, FACHE, ELECTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHICAGO, March 25, 2006**—Teresa L. Edwards, FACHE, executive vice president and administrator, Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, Midlothian, Va., has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives.

Edwards took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 49th Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. She will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE's Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

Edwards has served as executive vice president and administrator for Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center since 2003. St. Francis Medical Center is a 130-bed acute-care hospital that opened in September 2005. It features a 24-hour emergency room, an obstetrics/gynecology department, an orthopedics department, a surgery department, a cancer care center, a diagnostic services center and a medical office building. As executive vice president and administrator, Edwards provided administrative leadership for planning and opening St. Francis Medical Center and continues to be responsible for the financial oversight of hospital operations.

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Prior to joining Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, Edwards served as executive administrator of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgical Associates in Richmond, Va., from 1999 to 2003. From 1990 to 1999, Edwards was with Williamsburg Community Hospital, Va., where she began as vice president of Facilities until 1995, when she was promoted to chief operating officer. Prior to that, Edwards served Henrico Doctors' Hospital in Richmond, a subsidiary of Columbia/HCA, from 1984 to 1990, first as director of nursing finance, then rising to assistant administrator and later becoming associate administrator.

Prior to being elected an ACHE Governor, Edwards was the ACHE Regent for Virginia—Central and Tidewater Areas from 2003 to 2006. She served on the board of directors of the Central Virginia Health Executive Group and the Richmond Medical Group Management Association, where she was president in 2002 and 2003. Edwards was appointed to the Personnel Appeals Board of Chesterfield County and to the Workers Compensation Review Board for the State of Virginia. She is a past board chair of the Olde Towne Medical Center. In addition, Edwards was awarded the Thomas C. Barker Award in 1998 for Outstanding Preceptor for the Master of Health Administration program at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia and the ACHE Regent's Early Career Healthcare Executive Award for Virginia in 1993.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Edwards received her master's degree in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, and her bachelor's degree in public administration from James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

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### **American College of Healthcare Executives**

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE is also known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management* and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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