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### **DIANA L. SMALLEY, FACHE, ELECTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHICAGO, March 21, 2009**—Diana L. Smalley, FACHE, president/CEO, Mercy Health System of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Smalley took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 52nd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in 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.

Smalley was named president/CEO at Mercy Health System of Oklahoma in 2007. Prior to her current position, Smalley served Avantas LLC, Omaha, Neb., as president from 2005 to 2007. At Alegent Health, Omaha, Neb., her roles included senior executive from 2003 to 2005, vice president for operations from 1999 to 2003, and COO from 1997 to 1999.

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She also served Avantas LLC as co-founder/managing representative from 1999 to 2004. Her previous roles included Midlands Community Hospital, Papillion, Neb., as CEO from 1995 to 1997, COO from 1983 to 1995, and Director of Nursing from 1978 to 1983; Springfield (Ill.) Community Hospital as its director of professional relations from 1976 to 1979.

Before being elected an ACHE Governor, Smalley was the Regent for Nebraska from 2002 through 2006. In addition to her service to ACHE, Smalley has been a member of the board of directors of Memorial Community Hospital, the Nebraska Stroke Foundation and the Nebraska Board of Ambulance Advisors, serving as its chair. She is currently on the board of directors for the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Greater Oklahoma City.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Smalley received her master's degree in public health from University of Minnesota, and her bachelor's degree from Midland Lutheran College.

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

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 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's established network of more than 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 journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, as well as groundbreaking 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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