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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES ELECTS 28 NEW REGENTS

CHICAGO, March 25, 2006—Twenty-eight healthcare executives have been elected or appointed to serve as Regents for the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives.

The Regents took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 2006 Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. All are board certified in healthcare management, having earned ACHE's Certified Healthcare Executive (CHE[®]) credential; many also have achieved the status of Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE[®]).

The Regents will serve three-year terms representing ACHE affiliates in their respective jurisdictions; interim Regents will serve until 2007. In addition, Regents-at-Large represent ACHE affiliates in general and serve to ensure that the composition of the Board reflects diversity in the field of healthcare management.

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Following are the new Regents and the jurisdictions they represent:

- **Alabama**—Ralph H. Clark, FACHE, senior vice president, Eastern Health System Inc., Birmingham
- **Alaska**—Michael K. Powers, FACHE, chief executive officer, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- **Arkansas**—John N. Robbins, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, Conway Regional Health System
- **Delaware**—Deborah L. Watson, FACHE, vice president, Southern Region, Bayhealth Medical Center, Milford
- **Georgia—Coastal Plains**—Tommy L. Sands Jr., FACHE, vice president, Professional Services, Medical Center of Central Georgia, Macon
- **Georgia—Piedmont Plateau**—Richard T. Howerton III, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, VHA Georgia Inc., Atlanta
- **Hawaii-Pacific**—Gary K. Kajiwara, CHE, president and chief executive officer, Kuakini Health System, Honolulu
- **Idaho**—Carl Hanson, FACHE, chief executive officer, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert
- **Southern Illinois**—Robert Moore, FACHE, chief executive officer, Red Bud Regional Hospital
- **Kansas**—Rex D. Walk, CHE, president and chief executive officer, Memorial Hospital, McPherson
- **Louisiana**—Cindy J. Rogers, FACHE, chief executive officer, St. Patrick's Psychiatric Hospital, Monroe
- **Maryland**—Jonathan D. Goldsmith, FACHE, consultant, JDG Associates, Crofton
- **Montana**—Thomas A. Moser, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, Community Medical Center, Missoula
- **Nebraska**—Thomas W. Sommers, CHE, chief executive officer, Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center
- **New Hampshire**—Kathleen A. Bizarro, FACHE, executive vice president, New Hampshire Hospital Association, Concord

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- **New York–Empire Area**—Bertine Colombo McKenna, Ph.D., FACHE, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown
- **New York–Hudson Valley/Adirondack Area**—Richard N. Hoffman, FACHE, executive director, Product Line Services, Arnot-Ogden Medical Center, Elmira (Interim Regent)
- **North Dakota**—Kimberly J. Miller, CHE, president and chief executive officer, Mercy Medical Center, Williston
- **Oklahoma**—Gary W. Mitchell, CHE, chief executive officer, Newman Memorial Hospital Inc., Shattuck
- **Puerto Rico**—Milton L. Cruz, FACHE, president, MedHoldings Inc., Guaynabo
- **Rhode Island**—Thomas C. Hughes, FACHE, director, Diagnostic Imaging, Women and Infants Hospital, Providence
- **Tennessee**—Robert S. Gordon, FACHE, executive vice president and chief administrative officer, Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corp., Memphis
- **West Texas**—William W. Webster, CHE, chief executive officer, Medical Center Hospital, Odessa
- **Virginia**—William E. Caldwell, CHE, chief executive officer, Retreat Hospital, Richmond
- **Regent-at-Large for District 1**—K. Candis Best, J.D., Ph.D., FACHE, senior vice president and executive director, North Brooklyn Health Network, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- **Regent-at-Large for District 2**—Paula R. Autry, FACHE, executive vice president and administrator, Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital, Richmond, Va.
- **Regent-at-Large for District 4**—Francisco Lopez IV, FACHE, chief executive officer and managing director, Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Amarillo, Texas
- **Regent-at-Large for District 5**—George E. Perez, CHE, president and chief executive officer, St. Joseph Health System of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, Calif.

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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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