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## **WILLIAM C. SCHOENHARD, FACHE, INSTALLED AS CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES**

**CHICAGO, March 25, 2006**—William C. Schoenhard, FACHE, executive vice president and chief operating officer of SSM Health Care, St. Louis, has assumed the office of Chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives.

Schoenhard was installed today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 49th Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. He received the gavel from Samuel L. Odle, FACHE, outgoing ACHE Chairman.

As Chairman, Schoenhard will serve the second part of a three-year term in ACHE's consecutive chairmanship offices: Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past-Chairman.

Before being named Chairman-Elect, Schoenhard served as an ACHE Governor from 2002 to 2005 and the ACHE Regent for Missouri–Gateway Area from 1997 to 2001.

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Schoenhard began his career at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis in 1974. After serving as an administrative resident, vice president and director of General Services, he joined SSM St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis as assistant executive director in 1978. In 1979, he was named associate executive director, a position he held until 1981. He then joined SSM Arcadia Valley Hospital in Pilot Knob, Mo., as executive director, serving in that position until 1982. Schoenhard next joined SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo., and SSM St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake St. Louis, Mo., as executive director, a position he held until 1986, at which time he was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of SSM Health Care in St. Louis, the position he holds today.

Schoenhard serves on the boards of Lindenwood University, Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Mid-America Transplant Services and the University of Missouri–Columbia College of Business Management Advisory Board. Schoenhard has received the Senior Level Healthcare Executive's Regents Award from ACHE, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration at Washington University in St. Louis and the William H. Spurgeon III Award for Outstanding Adult Leadership of the Exploring Program from the Boy Scouts of America.

As a U.S. Navy officer, Schoenhard served in the Philippines and Vietnam as damage control officer on the destroyer tender USS Samuel Gompers.

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Fellow, Schoenhard received his master's degree in health administration with honors from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, and his bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri–Columbus.

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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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