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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Appoints New Leadership

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island Board of Trustees elected new officers during the association’s recent annual meeting. Lou Giancola was appointed chair and Kathleen C. Hittner, MD will serve as vice chair.

Giancola, president and CEO of South County Hospital Healthcare System, will serve for a two-year term. Hittner, president and CEO of The Miriam Hospital, will also serve for two years.

“I am honored to have been selected by my peers to lead the Hospital Association of Rhode Island,” said Giancola. “Our hospitals serve a critical need in communities across the state. Together we will work to serve the health care needs of all Rhode Islanders. I am confident that under our new leadership HARI and its members will continue to be leaders in the debate on health care issues throughout the state.”

“I am proud to assist in the leadership of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island,” said Hittner. “I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing the many challenging health care issues we face in the state.”

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, rising medical liability premiums and decreasing reimbursement. Together we work to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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