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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Elects New Leadership

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island Board of Trustees elected new leadership during its recent annual meeting. Kathleen C. Hittner, MD was elected chair of HARI’s board of trustees. Hittner, president and chief executive officer of The Miriam Hospital, will serve a two-year term.

“I am honored to have been selected by my peers to lead the Hospital Association of Rhode Island,” said Hittner. “Hospitals serve a critical need in communities across our state. I look forward to working with my colleagues in addressing the many challenging issues facing our organizations.”

Dr. Hittner has been president and CEO of The Miriam Hospital since 2000 and president of The Miriam Hospital Foundation since 2001. Before her appointment as president and CEO, Hittner served as president of the medical staff (1998-2000), anesthesiologist-in-chief (1996-2000), and chair of the pharmacy committee (1983-2000). Dr. Hittner joined The Miriam Hospital in 1979 as a staff anesthesiologist. A Warwick resident, she serves as chair of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, and is on the board of directors of Albright College, Urban League of Rhode Island and Bryant University.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Albright College and is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine.

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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