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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Appoints New Leadership

PROVIDENCE, RI – October 22, 2009 – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island board of trustees elected new officers during the association’s recent annual meeting. Kenneth H. Belcher, FACHE was appointed chair and Charles S. Kinney, FACHE will serve as vice chair.

Belcher, president and CEO of Roger Williams Medical Center, will serve a two-year term. Kinney, president and CEO of The Westerly Hospital, will also serve for two years.

“I am honored to have been elected by my colleagues to serve as chair of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island,” said Belcher. “Our hospitals are vital organizations that serve a critical need in communities across the state. Together we are dedicated to providing high quality, efficient health care for all Rhode Islanders.”

“I am proud to serve as vice chair for the Hospital Association of Rhode Island,” said Kinney. “I look forward to working with my peers in addressing challenges confronting our hospitals. Our organizations serve a vital role in maintaining a healthy, strong and vibrant state - their mission must be protected.”

Belcher has served as president and CEO of Roger Williams Medical Center since 2006. His prior positions include: vice president of ancillary services at Boston Medical Center, vice president of ambulatory and clinical services at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, MA and vice president of clinical operations at University Hospital in Boston, MA. Belcher earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Northeastern University and his master’s degree in business administration from Babson College. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Kinney was named president and CEO of The Westerly Hospital in 2004. He previously served as CEO of United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia, New York and CEO of Martha’s Vineyard Hospital in Massachusetts. Kinney earned his bachelor’s and master’s from Boston State College and a master’s in health services administration from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. He is also a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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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.