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**The Connecticut Hospital Association Welcomes the
Newly Elected Members of its Board of Trustees**

WALLINGFORD – At the CHA Annual Meeting on June 14, members elected trustees and officers for the CHA 2017-2018 Board of Trustees.

Marna P. Borgstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale New Haven Health, was elected Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Government. John M. Murphy, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Western Connecticut Health Network, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Patient Care Quality. Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trinity Health Of New England, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Population Health. Elliot T. Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, Hartford HealthCare, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Hospital Finance.

Newly elected or reelected trustees include: Rohit Bhalla, MD, Vice President of Quality, Chief Quality Officer, Stamford Hospital; Elliot T. Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, Hartford HealthCare; Bimal Patel, President, Hartford HealthCare East Region; and John F. Rodis, MD, President, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Other members of the 2017-2018 CHA Board include: Chairman David A. Whitehead, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer, Hartford HealthCare; Treasurer Christopher M. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Yale New Haven Health; Jennifer Jackson, President and CEO, CHA; DNS Board Chairman Patrick A. Charmel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Griffin Hospital; CEO Forum Chairman Kurt A. Barwis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Hospital; Vincent G. Capece Jr., President and CEO, Middlesex Hospital; Judith A. Carey, RSM, PhD, Board Member, Trinity Health Of New England; Anne Diamond, JD, CNMT, Chief Executive Officer, UConn John Dempsey Hospital; Jeffrey A. Flaks, President and Chief Operating Officer, Hartford HealthCare; William M. Jennings, President and CEO, Bridgeport Hospital; James E. Mitchell, PhD, Board Secretary, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital; James E. Shmerling, DHA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Children's Medical Center; and Colleen O. Smith, RN, Healthcare Consultant, Nursing Consultant Partners.

About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, population health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.