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Adventist Health CEO Scott Reiner Elected 2021 Chair of the CHA Board of Trustees

Association Board Will Guide California Hospitals Through Ongoing Pandemic Response

SACRAMENTO (October 21, 2020) — Scott Reiner, CEO of Adventist Health, has been elected 2021 chair of the California Hospital Association’s Board of Trustees. Reiner, a registered nurse with nearly 30 years of health care leadership experience, has held various hospital CEO and system executive positions within Adventist Health since 1999, and has held the top position since 2014. The organization, headquartered in Roseville, serves more than 80 urban and rural communities on the West Coast and Hawaii, with medical offices, post-acute care services and 20 hospitals in California, including Adventist Health@Home, an alternative to traditional hospital care. Through its Well-Being Division, Adventist Health is advancing innovation in community well-being through Blue Zones, a pioneer in taking a systemic and environmental approach to improving the health of entire cities and communities across the nation.

In his role as chair, Reiner will lead a 41-member board as it advances policies that help ensure California hospitals can meet the needs of those they serve in all ways, including supporting communities as the COVID-19 pandemic persists.

“While the pandemic has caused disruption in immeasurable ways, this upheaval also points to the need for hope and innovative thinking to reimagine the future of health care and the health of our communities,” Reiner said. “I am honored to serve in this role as we consider new approaches to address health, well-being and access to care.”

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Joining Reiner as CHA officers for 2021 are Chair-Elect Sarah Krevans, president & CEO of Sutter Health, based in Sacramento; Secretary-Treasurer Todd Suntrapak, president & CEO of Valley Children’s Healthcare in Madera; and Past Chair Gary Wilde, president & CEO of Community Memorial Health System in Ventura.

“As we find our way through this global health care crisis, hospitals have never played a more important role in their communities,” said CHA President & CEO Carmela Coyle. “We are fortunate to have a talented and experienced group of nationally respected leaders helping us to navigate these challenges, while at the same time keeping an eye on the future as hospitals work to make care more accessible and affordable for all Californians.”

Other members of the 2021 CHA Board are:

- Brian Alexander, CEO, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, Roseville
- **Joe Avelino, CEO, College Medical Center Long Beach, Los Angeles ***
- **Elaine Batchlor, MD, CEO, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, Los Angeles ***
- **Kavitha Reddy Bhatia, MD; Board Chair, Prime Healthcare Foundation and CMO of Strategy, Prime Healthcare, Ontario ***
- **Carolyn Caldwell, CEO, St. Mary Medical Center, Long Beach ***
- Edmundo Castañeda, president, Mercy General Hospital, Sacramento
- Philip A. Cohen, executive vice president, AMHC Healthcare, Inc. and CEO, Monterey Park Hospital, Monterey Park
- Brian T. Cook, president, Far West Division, Hospital Corporation of America, Henderson, NV
- Robert “Rob” Curry, president/CEO, Emanate Health, Covina
- Steve Dietlin, CEO Tri-City Healthcare District, Oceanside
- Adam Darvish, senior vice president, Hospital Division – California, Kindred Healthcare, Westminster
- **Susan Ehrlich, CEO, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, San Francisco ***
- Delvecchio S. Finley, CEO, Alameda Health System, Oakland
- **Tom Gammieri, corporate SVP/regional chief executive, South, Scripps Health, San Diego ***
- Michelle Gaskill-Hames, SVP Hospital and Health Plan Operations – Northern California, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland
- Diane Hansen, president/CEO, Palomar Health, Escondido
- Kerry Heinrich, CEO, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda
- Gary Honts, CEO, JFK Memorial Hospital, Indio
- **Mary Jo Jacobson, CEO, San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, Fresno ***
- Bernard Klein, MD, chief executive, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Mission Hills
- Lawrence “Larry” Lewis, CEO, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District

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- Patty Maysent, CEO, UC San Diego Health, San Diego
- Julie Miller-Phipps, president, Southern California Region, Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena
- Lori Morgan, MD, president/CEO, Huntington Hospital, Pasadena
- **Siri Nelson, CEO, Marshall Medical Center, Placerville ***
- Thomas M. Priselac, president/CEO, Cedars-Sinai Health System, Los Angeles
- Rene G. Santiago, deputy county executive and director, Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, San Jose
- Michael Sarian, president/COO, KPC Health, Santa Ana
- Susan Taylor, MD, CEO, College Hospital, Costa Mesa
- Gustavo Valdespino, president/CEO, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys
- Jon Van Boening, president, Central California Division, Dignity Health, Bakersfield
- **Paul Viviano, president/CEO, Children's Hospital Los Angeles ***
- **Louis Ward, CEO, Mayers Memorial Hospital District, Fall River Mills ***
- Robert J. Wentz, president/CEO, Oroville Hospital, Oroville
- Erik Wexler, chief executive, Providence St. Joseph Health, Southern California Region, Torrance
- Mike Wiltermood, president/CEO, Enloe Medical Center, Chico

****Indicates new CHA Board member for 2021***

One of the largest health care trade associations in the nation, CHA represents more than 400 hospitals and health systems in California. The association advocates for patients and hospitals, promotes public health policy, and is hospitals' voice at the state and federal levels. CHA has offices in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

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