



We Stand

NJHA Annual Meeting 2024
Thursday, Jan. 25

For Quality Strong Proud
United Together
Resolute For Patients

Dear Colleague,

It's a Jersey thing. When challenges come our way, we stand strong. And so it is with this healthcare community. Recent years have brought a barrage of hits including historic workforce shortages, runaway inflation, government underfunding and a rising demand for healthcare services as the population ages. But here we stand – resolute, committed and always ready when our patients and communities need us.

Our healthcare institutions are reliable anchors in the community. Because they're always there for us, it can be easy to take them for granted. However, these times certainly feel like an inflection point. Healthcare's future is upon us – but we're stuck in continued underfunding, recycled policy, ever-growing regulations and government that seems too focused on stopgaps than the greater journey ahead.

2024 will require us all to stand up for meaningful solutions to healthcare's challenges. It starts with ensuring the financial stability of our healthcare provider organizations and expanding the pipeline of individuals entering healthcare careers – where every day presents an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. As healthcare professionals, that caring mission is what inspires us. But we're pragmatic enough to know that it's not possible without a sufficient margin to drive our critical work.

Quality, equitable healthcare. Communities that enjoy the foundational elements for good health. Jobs and investments that create opportunity. We look forward to the year ahead, working with our members to stand and deliver.

To health!



Cathy Bennett
President & CEO



Bill Arnold
*Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
President, Southern Region, RWJBarnabas Health
2024 Board Chair*

Program of the Day

- Welcome Remarks

Cathy Bennett
President and CEO
New Jersey Hospital Association

- Outgoing Chair's Remarks

Edward J. Condit
President and CEO
St. Mary's General Hospital

- Installation and Remarks from 2024 Chair

Bill Arnold
Chief Executive Officer
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
President, Southern Region, RWJBarnabas Health

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Bill Arnold

*Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
President, Southern Region, RWJBarnabas Health
Chair*

Bill is executive vice president of RWJBarnabas Health, CEO of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and President of the RWJBarnabas Health Southern Region. He has been with the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for more than 25 years.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2019 and served as chair of the Policy Development Committee in 2023. He also chairs the Executive Committee and Executive Compensation Committee, as well as serves on the Nominating Committee. He has also served as chair of the Finance, and Audit and Compliance committees. In 2024 in his role as NJHA Chair he also serves ex-officio on the HRET and HBS Boards.



Mark Stauder

*Chief Operating Officer, Hackensack Meridian Health
Vice Chair*

Mark joined Hackensack Meridian Health in 2019 as chief operating officer responsible for the operation and management of 10 acute care hospitals.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2020 and served as treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee in 2023, and also on the HRET and HBS Boards.

In 2024 he will serve as NJHA Vice Chair and Chair of the Policy Development Committee, as well as a member of the Executive, Executive Compensation and Nominating Committees, and as ex-officio on the HBS Board



Cathleen D. Bennett

*President and CEO, New Jersey Hospital Association
President*

Cathy is President and CEO of NJHA. She oversees NJHA, the Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey and NJHA Healthcare Business Solutions. Prior to joining NJHA, she served as New Jersey's 20th Health Commissioner.

In her role as President and CEO, Cathy serves on the NJHA, HRET, HBS and HealthPAC Boards and is a member of all Board Task Forces and Committees.

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Deborah D. Visconi

*President and CEO, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center
Treasurer*

Deborah is President and CEO of Bergen New Bridge Medical Center.

She was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2020 and is a director on the HealthPAC Board. She chaired the NJHA Audit and Compliance Committee and served on the Executive Committee and HRET Board in 2023.

In 2024 she will serve as Treasurer and Chair of the NJHA Finance Committee and on the HRET and HBS Boards. She will also serve on the NJHA Executive and Executive Compensation committees.



Edward J. Condit

*President and CEO, St. Mary's General Hospital
Immediate Past Chair*

Ed is President and CEO of St. Mary's General Hospital in Passaic. He joined St. Mary's Hospital as Vice President of Professional Services just six weeks before the organization's purchase of Passaic Beth Israel Hospital. He then served as Executive Vice President and COO.

Ed was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2016 and served as chair in 2023. He has served as chair of the Audit and Compliance, Finance, Executive, Executive Compensation and Policy Development committees. He also served on the HRET and HBS Boards in his capacity as NJHA chair in 2023. He will continue to serve as a member of the NJHA Executive and Executive Compensation committees, as well as Chair of the Nominating Committee in 2024.



Robert W. Brenner, MD, MMM, FACHE

*President, Valley Health System
Secretary*

Dr. Brenner is President of Valley Health System. He oversees quality and performance improvement, strategic relations and clinical service line development across VHS.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2020. In 2024 in his role as Secretary he will serve on the Executive Committee. He will also serve as Secretary for the HRET Board and as Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee.

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Sam Bayoumy, PT, MBA

Interim CEO, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation – West Orange

Hossam (Sam) is President of Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, providing operational oversight of its four hospital campuses in New Jersey. He is responsible for ensuring the overall quality and safety of care, regulatory compliance, financial management and the strategic growth of the organization.

He previously served as chief executive officer of Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital - Avon, in Ohio, which, like Kessler Institute, is part of Select Medical. Prior to that, he was the senior director of rehabilitation services and clinical leader for the Brain Injury Program at Kessler Institute.

His first NJHA Board term will be in 2024.



Eric Carney

President and CEO, Monmouth Medical Center, RWJBarnabas Health

Eric is President and CEO of Monmouth Medical Center and Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus. He is responsible for the daily operations of both campuses. He joined Monmouth Medical Center in 2016 as chief operating officer. He began his career at RWJBarnabas Health more than 25 years ago as a respiratory therapist.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2023 and will serve on the Policy Development Committee in 2024.



James G. Demetriades, MBA

CEO, Penn Medicine Princeton Health

James is CEO of Penn Medicine Princeton Health, where he has served for 19 years. In his previous role as senior vice president and Chief Operating Officer of Princeton Health, he has served as a key player in some of Princeton Health's most important milestones over the past several years — a transformative time that included joining the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2024.



Vincent J. Dicks

Chair, Board of Governors, Saint Peter's Healthcare System

Vincent is chairman of the Saint Peter's Healthcare System Board of Governors. He has managed and consulted in organizations of all sizes with resulting transformation of business strategy, sales/customer and systems/data and operations. With more than three decades of experience as a senior operating executive, entrepreneur and private investor, he is passionate about the future of healthcare and technology.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2023.

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Stephen J Dumke, LHNA, FACHE
President and Chief Operating Officer, Christian Health

Stephen is the President and Chief Operating Officer for Christian Health. He oversees a continuum of senior-life, short-term rehab and behavioral health services and communities which include skilled-nursing, assisted-living, pre-assisted living and independent-living residences, along with behavioral health inpatient and outpatient services and inpatient and outpatient short-term rehab. He joined Christian Health in January 2016 as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and has successfully managed all operations while maintaining excellence in customer service, quality outcomes, and strong financial outcomes. He has served on multiple committees and councils for NJHA and LeadingAge New Jersey and Delaware, where he served as Chair.

In addition to serving on the NJHA Board in 2024, he will continue to serve on the CHART Advisory Committee.



Paige Dworak, FACHE
President and CEO, Carewell Health Medical Center

Paige is President and CEO of Carewell Health Medical Center. Prior to becoming President and CEO, she held senior executive positions with Prospect at Waterbury Hospital, Eastern Connecticut Health Network and CharterCARE Health Partners in Rhode Island.

She was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2022 and will continue to serve on the Audit and Compliance Committee in 2024.



Regina M. Foley, PhD, MBA, RN
*EVP, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Clinical Transformation & Integration Officer
Hackensack Meridian Health*

Regina currently serves as executive vice president, chief nursing officer and chief clinical transformation & integration officer for Hackensack Meridian Health. Over the past 36 years, Regina has held various executive leadership and clinical roles including chief hospital executive, chief operating officer, chief transformation officer and chief nursing officer. As a registered nurse, Regina leverages dual expertise in clinical and operational backgrounds to achieve exceptional and sustainable results.

Regina will begin her first term on the NJHA Board in 2024.

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Warren Geller
President and CEO, Englewood Health

Warren joined Englewood Health in 2009 and was appointed president and CEO in 2013. Under his leadership, Englewood Health has grown significantly, with a focus on extending services beyond the main hospital campus to be more accessible to local communities. The system now encompasses more than 100 locations across five counties. Warren has also fostered efforts to strengthen key clinical services, address health equity and disparities, modernize the system's facilities and invest in new technology, and increase philanthropic support.

Warren served on the NJHA Board from 2016-2022, and has now been reappointed beginning in 2024.



Patrick Gavin, MPH, MBA
President and CEO, Hunterdon Healthcare System

Patrick joined Hunterdon Healthcare in 2019 as President and CEO. He has a diverse background at the executive level in large health systems leading operations, finance, information systems and population health initiatives.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2021.



Leslie D. Hirsch, FACHE
President and CEO, Saint Peter's Healthcare System

Les serves as President and CEO of Saint Peter's Healthcare System. He also has served as President and CEO at healthcare institutions in Camden, Denver and New Orleans.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2021. Les previously served two terms as NJHA Board chair from 2015–2017 and chaired the Property Tax Task Force, Executive, Nominating, Strategic Planning, Executive Compensation and Search committees.

He will continue to serve on NJHA's Executive, Executive Compensation and Nominating committees and serve as chair of the HealthPAC Board.

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Amy Mansue
President and CEO, Inspira Health

Amy was appointed President and CEO of Inspira Health in August 2020. She has dedicated nearly three decades of service to the healthcare industry. Prior to her role at Inspira, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Experience Officer at RWJBarnabas Health. She was also the former Chief Executive Officer of Children's Specialized Hospital.

Amy served as NJHA Board Chair in 2018-2019, with NJHA Board terms from 2004-2011 and 2014-2019. She has also chaired NJHA's Executive, Executive Compensation, Policy Development, and Nominating committees. She is also a HealthPAC Director serving since 2015.



Michael Maron
President and CEO, Holy Name

Mike joined Holy Name in 1987 as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 1991 and named President and CEO in 1997.

Mike was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2021. He also served as chair of the HealthPAC Board and the Hospital Funding Transformation and Charity Care task forces.



John Matsinger, DO, MBA, FACOI
Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Virtua Health

Dr. Matsinger is Executive Vice President and COO, responsible for overseeing all aspects of operations for Virtua Health. His areas of responsibility include the acute care hospitals, satellite emergency rooms, rehabilitation services, pharmacy operations, radiology services, lab services and the Virtua Medical Group.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2023.

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Michael McLaughlin
Chairman of the Board, Inspira Health

Michael is chairman of the Board at Inspira Health. He also served on the board of Inspira Medical Center Woodbury and chaired the Underwood Memorial Hospital Board from 2009-2012.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2021 and serves on the Investment Committee.



Kevin O'Dowd, JD
Co-CEO, Cooper University Health Care

Kevin serves as co-CEO of Cooper University Health Care. He joined Cooper as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. A lawyer by background, prior to joining Cooper he spent nearly 20 years across various senior roles in the New Jersey Office of the Governor, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey and the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2020.



Patricia A. O'Keefe, Ph.D. RN
President, Morristown Medical Center, Atlantic Health System
Senior Vice President, Atlantic Health System
Chief Nursing Executive, Atlantic Health System

Trish O'Keefe is President of Morristown Medical Center.

She was promoted to President of Morristown Medical Center in 2016 and in 2021 was named Senior Vice President and System Chief Nurse Executive for Atlantic Health System.

Under Trish's leadership, Morristown Medical Center has been recognized nationally for healthcare quality and holds the prestigious designation as Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing Service, the highest level of recognition achievable from the American Nurses' Credentialing Center.

Trish will begin her first term on the NJHA Board in 2024.

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Kenneth N. Sable, MD, MBA, FACEP

Regional President, Southern Market, Hackensack Meridian Health

Dr. Sable is regional President, Southern Market, at Hackensack Meridian *Health*. He has oversight of Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Ocean University Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center, Southern Ocean Medical Center and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2019 and chaired the GME Teaching Hospitals Constituency Group. He also served on the HRET Board.



Thomas Scott, FACHE, FABC

President & CEO, CentraState Healthcare System

Tom serves as President and CEO of CentraState Healthcare System. Prior to being named President, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He also served as Chief Operating Officer at Chilton Medical Center in Pompton Plains, part of Atlantic Health System.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2023 and also serves on the HBS Board.



Robert M. Segin, CPA

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Virtua Health

Bob is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Virtua Health. He is responsible for the health system's overall strategic financial planning and treasury management.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2016 and is chair of the HBS Board and Investment Committee. Bob also serves on the Finance, Nominating and Executive Compensation committees.

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Steven Sheris, MD, FACC, FACP

Executive Vice President, Chief Physician Executive, Atlantic Health System

Dr. Sheris is Executive Vice President and Chief Physician Executive for Atlantic Health System and President of Atlantic Medical Group. He serves on the staff of Overlook and Morristown Medical Centers and was the chief of Cardiology at Overlook Medical Center.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2022.



Darrell K. Terry, MHA, MPH, FACHE, FHELA

President and CEO, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of N.J., RWJBarnabas Health

Darrell began his career at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey in Operations Management. He was named Senior Vice President of Operations in 2006, became COO in 2011 and assumed his current position as President and CEO in 2016.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2020 and will continue to serve on the HBS Board in 2024.



Frank A. Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP

*President and CEO, Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care
Ex-Officio*

Dr. Ghinassi is President and CEO of Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care. He is responsible for a statewide system of academically based mental health and addiction services. In addition, he functions as Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health and Addictions Service Line at RWJBarnabas Health.

He was appointed to the NJHA Board in 2017. He also serves as chair of the HRET Board and on the NJHA Nominating and Executive Compensation committees.

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