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LOUISIANA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES BOARD OFFICERS, TRUSTEES

Baton Rouge - The Louisiana Hospital Association announced its 2018-2019 Board of Trustee officers and newly-elected board members during its annual membership meeting on July 23.

"The LHA thanks our new and returning board members for working to improve the health of Louisiana," said LHA President & CEO Paul A. Salles. "Their commitment to excellence will help Louisiana hospitals save lives, lower cost and improve patient care throughout our state."

David L. Callecod, FACHE, president of Lafayette General Health, will serve as the LHA Board of Trustees Chair. He received the gavel from **James E. Cathey, Jr.**, CEO Emeritus of North Oaks Health System in Hammond. **Phyllis L. Peoples, RN, MSN**, president & CEO of Terrebonne General Medical Center in Houma, will serve as the Association's Chair-Elect, and **Parker A. Templeton, FACHE**, president and CEO of Iberia Medical Center, was elected Treasurer.

In addition to the officers, the LHA Board of Trustees is composed of At-Large and District Trustees. **Kirk Soileau, FACHE**, CEO of Natchitoches Regional Medical Center; **Michele Kidd Sutton, FACHE**, president and CEO of North Oaks Health System; and **Dana D. Williams**, CEO of Jennings American Legion Hospital, were elected as At-Large Trustees for a two-year term. **Jeremy Tinnerello, RN, MSN, CEN**, president and CEO of Glenwood Regional Medical Center, was elected to a two-year term as the Northeast District Trustee.

The following individuals were re-elected to serve a second term as District Trustees:

- Bayou District: **Mary Ellen Pratt, FACHE**, president and CEO of St. James Parish Hospital in Lutcher;
- New Orleans District: **Warner L. Thomas, FACHE**, president & CEO of Ochsner Health System in New Orleans; and
- Southwest District: **Scott M. Smith**, Louisiana Market CEO LifePoint Health, who oversees Mercy Regional Medical Center and Teche Regional Medical Center.

About the Louisiana Hospital Association

Established in 1926, the Louisiana Hospital Association is a non-profit organization representing hospitals and healthcare provider groups across the state. The mission of the LHA is to support its members through advocacy, education and services. For more information, please visit the LHA website at www.lhaonline.org.

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Additional Information on New Board Officers:

Parker Templeton, FACHE

Parker A. Templeton is president & CEO of Iberia Medical Center based in New Iberia, LA. Prior to joining Iberia Medical Center, he served as CEO of Franklin Foundation Hospital, which was named one of the Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare. His previous experience includes serving as chief executive officer/administrator at Iberia Rehabilitation Hospital, assistant administrator at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL and assistant administrator at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX. Templeton earned a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Science from LSU Health Science Center and a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University. He completed an Administrative Fellowship at Baylor Healthcare System in 2002. Throughout his career, Templeton has served as a board member for numerous philanthropic and civic organizations. He is also actively involved in several professional organizations, including the Louisiana Hospital Association, having been elected to the Board of Trustees in July 2012 and as chair of the LHA Research & Education Foundation Board. He also served as the HOSPPAC chair and board member of the LHA Trust Funds. He is a board-certified healthcare executive, obtaining Fellowship status in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). In 2013 he received the Regent's Award - Early Career Healthcare Executive from the Louisiana ACHE. In 2014, Becker's Hospital Review named Templeton a Top Leader Under 40.

Kirk Soileau, MHA, FACHE

Kirk Soileau is the CEO of Natchitoches Regional Medical Center in Natchitoches, a 227-bed, acute-care healthcare system serving Northwest Louisiana. He also serves in an advocacy support role for CHRISTUS Health Louisiana at both the state and federal levels. Soileau has more than 36 years of healthcare experience in the public, for-profit, not-for-profit and faith-based organizations, obtaining a Diploma in Nursing from Charity Hospital School of Nursing, New Orleans; a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL; and a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University in New Orleans. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives currently serving as president-elect for the Louisiana ACHE Chapter. In addition, he is a 2017 National Malcolm Baldrige fellow. Soileau served on the LHA Legislative Research and Policy Council, and the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners initially appointed by Gov. Jindal and subsequently re-appointed by Gov. Edwards. He has been an active Rotarian since 1998 and a member of the Natchitoches Club. In addition, he is the immediate past chairman of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman for 2017.

Michele Kidd Sutton, FACHE

Michele Kidd Sutton is president and CEO of North Oaks Health System, the Northshore's largest community hospital organization. Sutton first came to North Oaks Health System in 1988 as community resources officer and was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer in 2006. In 2012, she took on the additional responsibility of administrator and CEO for North Oaks Medical Center. She became president and CEO of the health system in January 2017. Sutton earned both a bachelor's degree in Marketing and master's degree in Business Administration from Southeastern Louisiana University. Beyond North Oaks, Sutton is a board-certified fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives for which she has served as regent for Louisiana for the past three years. She is a previous president and vice president of the American College of Healthcare Executives' Southeast Louisiana chapter and led the merger of both state chapters. She also serves on the American Hospital Association's Foster G. McGaw Committee and is a longstanding member of the Louisiana Hospital Association, where she has served on the Louisiana Regulatory and Policy Council and several other committees. Regionally, Sutton is actively involved in the following organizations: Northshore Business Council; Northshore Healthcare Alliance, for which she is currently Chairman; Rotary Club of Hammond; Southeastern's Alumni Association, for which she is a lifetime member; and Southeastern's FeLions athletic boosters club. She received the 2018 Legacy Award and 1999 Outstanding Woman in Business Award from the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce at its annual Annie Awards. Other honors include: recognition in 2007 as a "Woman of the Year" by New Orleans CityBusiness and as one of the "Most Influential Women in Tangipahoa Parish" by The Daily Star. She also was honored to receive the 2007 Golden Pelican Marketer of the Year Award from the Louisiana Society for Hospital Public Relations and Marketing.

Dana Williams

Dana D. Williams is the CEO of Jennings American Legion Hospital (JALH). She began her 34-year career at JALH in Health Information Management, becoming chief operating officer in 2007 and chief executive officer in 2009. Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1984 and a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Minnesota in 2007. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Health Information Management Association. She has served on the LHA's Legislative, Regulatory & Policy Council, as well as numerous local civic and church organizations.

Jeremy Tinnerello, RN, MSN, CEN

Jeremy Tinnerello is the president of Steward Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe. He has held this position since November 2016. Tinnerello has been a long-standing member of the Glenwood Administrative Team and has served as director of nursing, chief nursing officer and chief operating officer. He has an extensive background in healthcare that began in 1993 when he was first employed by Glenwood as an orderly. After completing his nursing school at Louisiana Tech University, he continued his career as a registered nurse in the emergency department for 15 years. He also served as director of Glenwood's Disaster Management Program for Hurricane Katrina and its recovery. Following his tenure in the emergency department, Tinnerello took over directorship of departments within the facility before completing his master's degree in Nursing and Health Administration in 2014. Tinnerello is active on several boards, including the Louisiana Hospital Association, Northeast Louisiana Physician Health Organization, West Monroe/Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Tech University Health Science and the University of Louisiana – Monroe College of Health Sciences.