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Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association Board Expands; Announces Four New Members

The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) is pleased to announce the expansion of the AzHHA governing board with the addition of four new members. The new board members bring a diverse array of expertise from urban and rural hospitals and the business sector. The AzHHA Board was expanded from 15 to 18 members and one outgoing member has been replaced.

“By engaging new leaders and expanding the board, AzHHA member hospitals will have enhanced geographic and professional representation,” said AzHHA President and Chief Executive Officer Laurie Liles. “The AzHHA Board is a talented group of professionals whose collective expertise, experience and insight that will be particularly valuable during these challenging times.”

New members include:

David French, Executive Director of the Kingman Airport Authority since 2006. Mr. French spent 34 years in the telecommunications industry and held executive positions with GTE, Citizens Frontier Communications and Mohave Wireless. He was a twice-elected member of the Kingman City Council and was appointed vice-mayor in 2005. Mr. French was a member of the Council on Government Relations for the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association from 2005 to 2007. He has served as a member of the executive committee of Kingman Regional Medical Center since 1985 and was elected chairman in 2009. Mr. French replaced Norm Botsford, who served on the AzHHA Board for six years.

Margaret Hepburn, President and CEO of Sierra Vista Regional Health Center since January 2005. She has held executive positions in several healthcare facilities including Senior Vice President and COO of St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana and Associate Administrator Patient Services and Chief Nurse Executive at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, California. Immediately prior to her arrival in Sierra Vista, Ms. Hepburn served as president of St. Dominic’s Hospital in Manteca, California. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Council of Southern Arizona and the Council on Government Relations of the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association.



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Neal Jensen, Chief Executive Officer of the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) since 2008 has made customer service, quality, growth, and education his focus, improving CVRMC's HCAHPS, market share, technology, and services provided. Previously he served 10 years as Chief Financial Officer for CVRMC giving CVRMC the capacity to grow. He previously served as CFO for Winslow Memorial Hospital in Winslow, Arizona and Administrative Supervisor of Maricopa Outpatient Services in Phoenix. Mr. Jensen is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the Health Care Financial Management Association.

Craig McKnight, Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the Phoenix Children's Hospital. With more than 30 years of experience in healthcare financial management, Craig McKnight oversees all aspects of financial operations, materials management, revenue cycle, treasury, managed care contracting, and decision support.

Before joining Phoenix Children's Hospital, he built an extensive career in the healthcare sector, most recently as CFO for Oklahoma State University Medical Center, an academic medical center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and interim Chief Financial Officer for Iowa Health System, a major integrated health system in Des Moines.

For a complete list of AzHHA's current board members, [click here](#).

About AzHHA

AzHHA is an organization of hospitals and healthcare systems dedicated to providing leadership on issues affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. For more information, please contact Pete Wertheim at pwertheim@azhha.org or the following phone numbers: (602) 445-4318 (office) or (602) 515-3847 (cell).

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