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### **Hospital Leaders Join OHA Board of Trustees, Officers Elected for 2013**

**(COLUMBUS, OH)— The Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) membership elected new officers and members to its 20-member Board of Trustees beginning January 1, 2013. Officers will serve a one-year term and trustees-at-large will serve a three-year-term.**

**The OHA Board of Trustees sets policy and strategic direction for matters affecting hospitals throughout Ohio. The Board includes representatives from small and large hospitals, teaching facilities, and health care systems and consists of four officers, the OHA president and up to 19 Trustees-At-Large. The board officers and new trustees for 2013 includes:**

- Chair: Jim Pancoast, president and CEO, Premier Health Partners, Dayton. Pancoast serves as the president and CEO of Premier Health Partners, a comprehensive health system that has 14,000 employees that serves southwestern Ohio through member and affiliate organizations in nine counties. Premier Health is the second largest employer in the region and is the largest healthcare system in Southwestern Ohio. He was most recently president and chief operating officer of Premier Health. Within Premier Health Partners, he has also been president of the Physician Network, president of Fidelity Healthcare and president of Good Samaritan Hospital. Pancoast sits on the boards of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery County Human Services Levy Council, the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Development Coalition, and The Dayton Foundation. Pancoast is a graduate of The Ohio State University and holds an MBA from Michigan State University, and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.**
- Chair-Elect: Phil Ennen, president & CEO of Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Bryan Hospital. Ennen joined Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in 1987 as vice president for operations. In 2005 he was promoted to vice president and CEO. He was appointed president and CEO in January 2008 where he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of 89-acute care hospital, 25-bed critical access hospital, sleep disorders laboratory, radiation oncology center, and community based home health and hospice programs. Hospital facilities are located in Bryan and Montpelier, Ohio, with an outpatient center in Archbold, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and his master's of public administration from The Florida State University.**
- Secretary-Treasurer: Chip Hubbs, president & CEO, Memorial Hospital of Union County, Marysville. Hubbs became President/CEO of Memorial Hospital in March 2004. Prior to**

*arriving in Marysville, Chip served for four years as CEO of Community Memorial Hospital in Defiance County, Ohio, just outside of Fort Wayne. His management experience spans various Senior Management positions at the Lutheran Health Network in Fort Wayne. He has worked as the Evening Administrator for the University of Chicago Hospitals. In all, Chip has worked for nine different hospitals throughout his career in every facet from groundskeeper and maintenance to intern, fellow, Evening Administrator, Executive Director, and CEO. A graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's in Public Health and a master's degree in Health Administration, he earned a fellowship at the Sinai Health System in Chicago. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and has received several professional acknowledgments for his work including Modern Healthcare Magazine's Up and Comer Award in 2002 and recognition as one of Columbus Business First's "Forty Under 40" in September 2005.*

- *Immediate Past Chair: Fred M. DeGrandis, president, Cleveland Health Network and chairman, Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership and Quality Alliance, Cleveland*
- *Trustees-at-Large:*
  - *Tim Colburn, President & CEO, Berger Health System, Circleville*
  - *LeeAnn Lucas-Helber, President, Hocking Valley Community Hospital, Logan*
  - *Steve G. Gabbe, MD, Chief Executive Officer & Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus*
  - *Mel Fahs, President & CEO, Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville*
  - *Cynthia Moore-Hardy, President & CEO, Lake Health, Concord*

*"The Association will greatly benefit from the expertise of our new officers and trustees as we begin 2013 with a new strategic plan focusing on advocacy, quality and patient safety and economic sustainability," said Mike Abrams, OHA president and CEO. For more information regarding OHA's strategic plan, [click here](#).*

#### **About the OHA**

*The Ohio Hospital Association was established in 1915 and currently represents 167 hospitals and 19 health systems throughout Ohio. OHA is a membership-driven organization that provides proactive leadership to create an environment in which Ohio hospitals are successful in serving their communities. Visit OHA's Web site at [www.ohanet.org](http://www.ohanet.org). For information on top health care issues, visit the online OHA News Media Center at [www.ohanet.org/press-release/](http://www.ohanet.org/press-release/).*

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