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## **Souza Appointed President of HARI**

**CRANSTON, RI – October 6, 2014** - Michael R. Souza has been appointed president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), where he will oversee day-to-day operations of the association and direct member services. Souza had been serving as acting president following the retirement of Edward Quinlan on May 1. He has worked at HARI for more than five years as vice president of finance and senior vice president.

“The HARI Board of Trustees is proud to have Mike Souza leading the organization,” said Dennis D. Keefe, chair of the HARI Board of Trustees and president and CEO of the Care New England Health System. “Mike’s background and skills in hospital finance and reimbursement have strengthened the association. He brings vision, determination and a sense of humor to his work. He is the ideal person to lead HARI into the future.”

“I look forward to steering the association and its members through this tumultuous time of change in health care,” said Souza. “Rhode Islanders count on hospitals to be there in their greatest times of need. We must ensure hospitals are able to continue their important mission.”

Souza joined HARI in 2009 from Signature Healthcare in Brockton, MA, where he served as corporate controller and was responsible for the accounting, reporting and control functions of the corporation’s various entities. He also served as director of financial planning at Landmark Medical Center. Souza was awarded a Master of Science management degree by Bridgewater State College. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities and social sciences from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) has awarded him the certification of fellow.

He resides in Dartmouth, MA with his wife and two children. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter of HFMA.

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*Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, rising medical liability premiums and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.*