HARI Statement on Retirement of Francis Dietz

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“Frank Dietz has been a guiding force in Rhode Island’s health care system for more than four decades. Having been appointed president and CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in 1966, he is the longest serving hospital CEO in the country,” said Edward Quinlan, president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. “Mr. Dietz has been a valuable member of the HARI board of trustees as we work to address issues threatening access to quality health care. He is a former chairman of our board and recipient of our highest honor, the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Services Award. I thank him for his unwavering dedication to our industry and congratulate him on the next chapter of his life.”

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