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Souza Appointed Acting President of HARI

CRANSTON, RI – March 31, 2014 - Michael R. Souza has been appointed acting 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 previously served as senior vice president.

He will assume the role on April 1. Current president Edward J. Quinlan has announced his retirement, effective May 1.

“Ed Quinlan has served our association with distinction for nearly two decades,” 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 and will assist him in leading HARI during this tumultuous time of change.”

Quinlan’s diverse career has spanned the fields of health care, business and government. He served as vice president of the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League. Prior to that, he was press secretary for U.S. Senator John Chafee. He also served as director of public relations for Gilbane Building Company. He started his career working as Director of Public Relations/Development at two medical facilities – North Miami General Hospital (North Miami, FL) and Kent County Hospital.

His professional and community commitments have included service to: the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board, Innovation Providence, Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, RI Health Insurance Advisory Council, RI Health Planning Advisory Council, RI Health Reform Council, University of Rhode Island (URI) Health Studies Council, URI College of Pharmacy Advisory Board, Opportunities Industrialization Center Board of Directors, Rhode Island Commodores.

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.