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AHA APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE TO ITS BOARD

WASHINGTON (March 18, 2014) – Kimberly McNally, MN, RN, a trustee at UW Medicine in Seattle, today was named to the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association (AHA). The board is the policy-making body of the AHA and has ultimate authority for the governance and management of its direction and finances.

McNally is president of McNally & Associates, an executive coaching and consulting firm, and works with leaders and teams in health care, nonprofit, and education organizations. Prior to forming McNally & Associates in 1998, she served as director of education at Valley Medical Center. She held leadership and clinical positions at Valley Medical Center, Fairfax Hospital, UW Medical Center and Maine Medical Center.

She recently joined the UW Medicine board and chairs the system-wide Patient Safety/Quality committee. As past trustee and board president of the Harborview Medical Center/UW Medicine, McNally served on the executive, governance and quality committees. Active in AHA, she served on the Committee on Governance and also served as chair. She also served on the AHAPAC Steering Committee and is a current member of the Center for Healthcare Governance National Board of Advisors.

"I'm honored to join the AHA Board at such an important time of challenge and change in health care," McNally said. "Providing the best care possible and promoting wellness and prevention are top priorities for hospitals, patients and communities, and I'm looking forward to addressing these issues on behalf of hospitals across the nation."

McNally served on the Washington State Hospital Association board and is past chair of the governing board committee. She also serves on the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance board and she served on the boards of Seattle Mental Health and Washington Homecare Association.

She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Washington.

McNally's three-year term on the AHA Board begins immediately.

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About the AHA

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.