The Joint Commission and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare Appoint New Board Members

(OAKBROOK TERRACE, Ill. – March 12, 2015) The Joint Commission today announced the appointment of new members to its Board of Commissioners and Executive Committee, and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors. The appointees will provide policy leadership and oversight to help The Joint Commission and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare achieve their missions to improve patient safety and quality of care.

Three new members have been named to The Joint Commission’s Board of Commissioners:

• **Joan Shinkus Clark, D.N.P., RN, NEA-BC, CENP, FACHE, FAAN**
  Clark, appointed by the American Hospital Association, is senior vice president and system chief nurse executive at Texas Health Resources, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. She is responsible for overseeing the nursing enterprise across Texas Health Resources and for advancing the organization’s strategic nursing initiatives.

• **Marie Knedler, RN, M.S., M.B.A., FACHE**
  Knedler, appointed by the American Hospital Association, is the president of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) Health Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and CHI Health Bergan Mercy Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska. She is responsible
for the daily operations, strategic planning, and financial and quality outcomes of the two organizations.

- **Carlos A. Pellegrini, M.D., FACS, FRCSI (Hon)**
  Dr. Pellegrini, appointed by the American College of Surgeons, is the Henry N. Harkins Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington, Seattle. He serves in many of the top leadership positions at the University of Washington.

Six members also have been named to The Joint Commission’s Executive Committee (their positions on the Executive Committee are indicated below). These same members also represent the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors:

- **Member-at-large:** L.D. Britt, M.D., M.P.H., FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng (Hon), FRCSEd (Hon), FWACS (Hon), Henry Ford Professor and Edward J. Brickhouse Chairman, Department of Surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School
- **Vice chair:** David L. Bronson, M.D., M.A.C.P., FRCP Edin, emeritus president, Cleveland Clinical Regional Hospitals and Family Health Centers; emeritus chairman, Medicine Institute; and emeritus professor, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine
- **Chair:** Craig W. Jones, FACHE, president, Oklahoma Hospital Association
- **Member-at-large:** Rebecca J. Patchin, M.D., physician and surgeon
- **Member-at-large:** David Perrott, D.D.S., M.D., M.B.A., FACS, senior vice president and chief medical officer, California Hospital Association
- **Chair of the Finance Committee:** J.B. Silvers, Ph.D., John R. Mannix/Medical Mutual of Ohio Professor of Health Care Management; professor of epidemiology and biostatistics; professor of banking and finance, Weatherhead School of Management, Care Western Reserve University

In addition to these six members, Joint Commission President and CEO Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., sits on the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors.
“We are pleased to welcome these health care experts and leaders to The Joint Commission and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare,” said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

“These respected individuals will bring together their vast and unique backgrounds and perspectives in health care to help our governing bodies improve the accreditation and certification services and quality improvement initiatives that we provide to nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs across the United States.”

The Joint Commission’s Board of Commissioners is comprised of 32 members with three-year terms that are renewable. Twenty-one Commissioners are appointed by The Joint Commission’s five corporate members, including the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons and American Dental Association. The Executive Committee is a committee of the Board of Commissioners and is comprised of six members. This committee may take interim actions for the Board of Commissioners as may be required between meetings of the Board and otherwise exercise the authority of the Board in the governance of the corporation to extent authorized by the Board.

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Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

Created in 2008 as a nonprofit affiliate of The Joint Commission, the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare aims to solve health care’s most critical safety and quality problems. The Center’s participants – some of the nation’s leading hospitals and health systems – use a systematic approach to analyze specific breakdowns in care and discover their underlying causes to develop targeted solutions that solve these complex problems. In keeping with its objective to transform health care into a high reliability industry, The Joint Commission shares these proven, effective solutions with the nearly 21,000 health care organizations it accredits and certifies. Health care organizations have made significant advances in quality – and even better results are now achievable. Health care organizations and The Joint Commission are working together to improve systems and processes of care. Learn more about the Center at www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org.