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

(OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois – January 14, 2016) The Joint Commission today announced the appointment of five new members to its Board of Commissioners and two new members to its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee also represents the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors. These appointees are responsible for providing policy leadership and oversight to help improve patient safety and quality of care at health care organizations across the country.

The five new members named to the Board of Commissioners are:

- **Jay Allen Gregory, MD, FACS**
  Dr. Gregory, appointed by the American Medical Association, is chief medical officer at EASTAR Health System, Muskogee, Oklahoma. He also serves as an adjunct clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

- **Scott C. Malaney, FACHE**
  Mr. Malaney, appointed by the American Hospital Association, is president and chief executive officer of Blanchard Valley Health System (BHVS), Findlay, Ohio.

- **Najmedin (Najm) Meshkati, PhD, CPE**
Dr. Meshkati, appointed as a public member, with expertise in human-systems integration and safety culture, is professor of civil/environmental engineering; industrial and systems engineering; and international relations at the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles.

- **Joseph J. Parks, MD**
  Dr. Parks, appointed as an at-large member with expertise in behavioral health care, is director of MO HealthNet (Missouri Medicaid). He also is a distinguished professor of science at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

- **Michael B. Simon, MD, MBA**
  Dr. Simon, appointed by the American Medical Association, is part of the transitional team leadership at Sheridan Health Care, Sunrise, Florida. He also is chairman of anesthesia at Osceola Regional Medical Center, Kissimmee, Florida.

The two new members named to the Joint Commission’s Executive Committee and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare’s Board of Directors are:

- **Jane D. Englebright, PhD, RN, CENP, FAAN**
  Dr. Englebright, appointed as an at-large member with expertise in nursing, is chief nursing executive, patient safety officer and senior vice president at Hospital Corporation of America, Nashville, Tennessee.

- **Steven S. Sharfstein, MD, MPA**
  Dr. Sharfstein, appointed by the American Medical Association, is president and chief executive officer of Sheppard Pratt Health System, Baltimore.

Craig W. Jones, FACHE, and David L. Bronson, MD, MACP, FRCP Edin, remain chair and vice chair of the Executive Committee, respectively. And, in addition to Drs. Englebright and Sharfstein, the other at-large members of the Executive Committee are L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng (Hon), FRCSEd (Hon), FWACS (Hon), and David Perrott, MD, DDS, MBA, FACS.

“We are pleased to welcome these outstanding leaders to The Joint Commission and the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare. These individuals will bring together their vast experience in quality and safety to help improve health care,”
said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, president and chief executive officer, The Joint Commission. “We look forward to incorporating these individuals’ unique perspectives into our work as they help us on our ongoing journey to achieve the goal of zero harm in health care through high reliability by maintaining consistent excellence in quality and safety for every patient, every time.

**About the Board of Commissioners**

The Joint Commission Board of Commissioners is comprised of 32 members with three-year renewable terms. 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. In addition, there are six public members and four at-large members.

**About the Executive Committee**

The Joint Commission’s Executive Committee is a committee of the Board of Commissioners and is comprised of six members, representing each of the corporate members and the public/at-large members. The 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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**About The Joint Commission**

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](http://www.jointcommission.org).

**About the Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare**

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](http://www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org).