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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **HRET Appoints Three New Board Members**

**CHICAGO – Feb 3, 2016** – The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) recently elected three new members to its Board of Trustees for three-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2016. The new members will further HRET’s vision of leveraging research and education to create a society of healthy communities, where all individuals reach their highest potential for health.

“With the first meeting of the year, we are excited to officially bring the new members of the HRET board together, who are each respected leaders in their fields,” said Michael Rock, M.D., chair of the HRET Board of Trustees. “The input they provide will further shape the work HRET is doing to advance quality improvement nationally.”

Elected members of the HRET Board of Trustees include:

- **Chris Durovich, president and CEO of Children’s Health System of Texas**, who has more than 30 years of leadership experience in adult and pediatric health care and physician practice management. In his current leadership role since 2003, Durovich has guided Children’s Health to be the seventh-largest and second-busiest pediatric health care system in the nation, serving more than 250,000 children each year.
- **Alison Fleury, senior vice president of business development for Sharp HealthCare in San Diego**, who joined Sharp in 1991 and has held several system-wide financial leadership positions. A leading integrated health care delivery system in San Diego, Sharp was a 2007 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient, the nation’s highest Presidential honor for quality and organizational performance excellence. Fleury is responsible for Sharp’s strategic planning, long-term financial planning and financing

initiatives, as well as the purchase and sale of real estate and health-related businesses, and the formation of joint venture and affiliation arrangements.

- **Kyle L. Grazier, Richard Carl Jelinek professor and chair of the Department of Health Management and Policy in the School of Public Health and Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, at the University of Michigan**, who studies the impact of structural and process impacts of health care financing, particularly in the area of behavioral health, on health status and quality of care. She is principal investigator (PI) on a three-year study to evaluate the Michigan Medicaid expansion on premium costs and uncompensated care. She has served on several boards and committees, including National Institutes of Health (NIH) review panels, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Technical Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation of Health Management Education and has contributed to committees for the Institute of Medicine. She is a director of the Indiana University Health System.

For more information about HRET and full roster of board members, visit

<http://www.hret.org/board/index.shtml>.

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### **Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET)**

Founded in 1944, the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) is the not-for-profit research and education affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA). HRET's mission is to transform health care through research and education. It focuses on identifying and exploring key issues affecting the health care delivery system. HRET's applied research focuses on improving quality, eliminating disparities, improving care coordination, improving leadership and governance, conducting data analysis and supporting the spread of improvement. Through AHA's Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE) strategy, HRET has helped hospital leaders to accelerate performance improvement by disseminating best practices, producing actionable reports and toolkits, conducting leadership development programs and implementing national improvement projects. For more information, visit [www.hret.org](http://www.hret.org).