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**AAAHC Announces Strategic Governance Structure**

*New board leadership implemented to support growth, innovation*

**(Skokie, Ill.)** April 23, 2018 – After nearly 40 years, the AAAHC, the leader in ambulatory healthcare accreditation, has enacted a new governance model that transitions the organization to a focused 13-member Board of Directors. With the new governance structure, the AAAHC is evolving from its association model that had served the organization well for many years to a new model that will better position AAAHC to expand in the healthcare accreditation industry.

The newly-appointed 2018-2019 officers bring extensive experience and expertise in patient-centric ambulatory care to their leadership roles.

- Arnaldo Valedon, MD, Board Chair
- Ira Cheifetz, DMD, Chair-Elect
- Timothy Peterson, MD, Secretary/Treasurer
- Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS, MPA, Immediate Past Board Chair

“Our governance model will strengthen our ability to best service organizations that are seeking continuous improvement in the quality of patient care delivered in the ambulatory setting,” said Arnaldo Valedon, MD, AAAHC incoming board chair. “The new governance structure will drive the development and implementation of a multi-year strategic plan to better position AAAHC for enhanced growth and to continue its commitment to healthcare quality through accreditation.”

The nine elected non-officers possess a diverse scope of knowledge, and they will continue to focus on engagement and growth opportunities across all specialties.

- W. Patrick Davey, MD
- Jan Davidson, RN, MSN
- Lawrence Kim, MD
- Joy Himmel, PsyD
- Mark Mandell-Brown, MD
- S. Teri McGillis, MD
- Dennis Schultz, MD
- David Shapiro, MD
- Edwin Slade, DMD, JD

“This is an historic event in the life of any association,” said Noel M. Adachi, president and chief executive officer. “I am very proud of the action our board has taken to advance AAAHC – a decision which is to the benefit of the organization and in service to our mission. I look forward to working with the new board to help lead our organization as we continue to support high-quality patient care.”

**About AAAHC**

AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care), founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory healthcare accreditation with more than 6,100 accredited organizations. We accredit a wide range of outpatient settings including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery facilities, endoscopy centers, student health centers, medical and dental group practices, community health centers, employer-based health clinics, retail clinics, and Indian health centers, among others.

AAAHC advocates for the provision of high-quality health care through the development and adoption of nationally recognized Standards. We provide a valuable survey experience founded on a collaborative, consultative, educational approach to peer-based, on-site review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation demonstrates an organization's commitment to provide safe, high-quality services to its patients – not just on the day of its survey, but every day throughout the three-year accreditation cycle. It is recognized by third party payers, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information, please visit [www.aaahc.org](http://www.aaahc.org).

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