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Diverse Medical Leaders Join AAAHC Board as New Officers, Directors
2022-2023 Board Brings Array of Professional Backgrounds and Frontline Experience to Facilitate the Accreditation Journey

(Skokie, Ill.) November 7, 2022 – Today, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) announces its newly named officers and results for elected positions to its Board of Directors. An integral part of AAAHC governance, new leadership is comprised of a diverse team of health care professionals representing a variety of specialties and bringing extensive knowledge and experience with AAAHC accreditation. During their 2022-2023 term, the Board of Directors will advocate for patient safety, provide strategic guidance on program development and administration, and share ideas to ensure the continuous success of the organization.

“Our board brings a breadth of experience to the table, strengthening our ability to best serve organizations that are seeking continuous improvement in the quality of patient care they provide,” said Noel Adachi, MBA, president and CEO of AAAHC. “We are encouraged that our hand-selected Officers and Directors-elect share the common goal of upholding our organization’s commitment to improving patient care in the ambulatory setting through our *1095 Strong, quality every day* philosophy.”

The new Board Officers’ one-year terms began November 6. While board members bring varied backgrounds, they share a common history of dedication to the provision of health care in the ambulatory setting.

- **David Shapiro, MD, Board Chair**, contributes his extensive experience gained through many years as a department chair, medical director, and board member of several ambulatory surgery centers. A Florida-based anesthesiologist, Dr. Shapiro currently serves on the boards of both the Florida Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (FSASC) and the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (ASCA) and is a past president of ASCA. Additionally, he is a Board member of the Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration (ASC QC), which develops, measures, and publicly reports national ASC quality data. Further, he serves on the Board of the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) and participates as a member of their Health Guidelines Review Committee (HGRC). Additionally, Dr. Shapiro applies his expertise as a member of the Florida State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council (SCHIP), an appointed position within the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). He is credentialed as a Certified Administrator Surgery Center (CASC) and Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM), is licensed in Healthcare Risk Management (LHRM) by the state of Florida and is certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC) as well as in Healthcare Quality Management (CHCQM). With a history of 19 years of service as a surveyor for AAAHC, Dr. Shapiro continues to conduct surveys on behalf of the organization.

- **Edwin Slade, DMD, JD, Immediate Past Board Chair**, brings a wide range of experience from nearly 20 years serving in various capacities and leadership positions within AAAHC. Dr. Slade graduated from the University of Connecticut and received his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He was a resident in Dental Medicine and Surgery at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Connecticut/Hartford Hospital. Dr. Slade received his law degree cum laude from Temple University School of Law. Dr. Slade is Board Certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Board of Dental Anesthesiology. In addition, Dr. Slade is a Fellow of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and the American and International College of Dentists. He has served in numerous leadership positions within oral and maxillofacial surgery, including president of both the Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley Societies of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and as trustee and treasurer of AAOMS.
- **Jan Davidson, MSN, RN, CNOR, CASC, CNAMB, Board Chair-Elect**, has worked as a perioperative registered nurse for more than 40 years and is the first nurse elected to the Board under the new governance structure. In addition to her OR experience in a large metropolitan trauma center, Ms. Davidson has served as clinical director of a free-standing ambulatory surgery center. She began her work there from its ground-breaking through the first five years of its operation. Her role included management of the clinical staff, staff education and training, risk management, employee health, and infection prevention. Ms. Davidson was also the practice administrator for a plastic surgeon with an AAAHC-accredited, office-based OR. Additionally, she has been employed in professional liability, risk management, and patient safety roles throughout her career. This has allowed her to educate both the nursing staff and the medical staff on various clinical and ethical issues. Until her recent retirement, she was the Director of the Ambulatory Surgery Division at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). Ms. Davidson has been a surveyor for AAAHC for 12 years. She enjoys golfing and spending time with her granddaughters in her free time.

Additionally, Lawrence Kim, MD, will serve the second year of his two-year term as AAAHC Secretary/Treasurer:

- **Lawrence Kim, MD, Secretary/Treasurer**, specializes in gastroenterology (GI) and has developed wide knowledge of AAAHC through experience as a surveyor and committee chair. The first gastroenterologist to join the AAAHC Board of Directors, Dr. Kim is a partner at South Denver Gastroenterology, a 24-physician independent GI practice in Colorado. A graduate of Princeton University, he received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His postgraduate training included an internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and a GI fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. He served as secretary-treasurer of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and previously served as a clinical practice councilor on the AGA Governing Board. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Digestive Health Physicians Association, an advocacy group for independent GI practices. Dr. Kim focuses on improving the quality of digestive care worldwide and has demonstrated his commitment by leading or serving on multiple medical missions to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Peru.

The four elected Directors, whose terms will expire in 2025, also assumed their positions November 6. Together they also represent decades of experience in direct ambulatory care and healthcare management:

- **W. Patrick Davey, MD, MBA, FACP** elected for a second three-year term on the Board, has practiced medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology for more than 30 years. Dr. Davey also provides his expertise as a AAAHC Surveyor. He has leveraged his MBA training in several positions including partner, managing partner, and employee. He currently serves our veterans as Dermatology Chief at the Lexington VA Health System. An active AAAHC Surveyor for more than 20 years, Dr. Davey continues to engage in AAAHC governance, including serving as Board Chair in 2014-2015.
- **David N. Gans, MSHA, FACMPE**, elected for a second three-year term on the Board, is a national authority on practice operations and recently retired from the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). He has authored more than 125 journal articles, co-authored three books on practice management, and was the principal investigator on numerous federal and foundation grants. He has been engaged in AAAHC Governance since 2011. Mr. Gans is a Life MGMA member, retired from the United States Army Reserve in the grade of Colonel, is a Certified Medical Practice Executive and a Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives.
- **Jan Kleinhesselink, RN, BSHM, CPHQ** is the Chief Quality Officer of a surgical center in Nebraska where her leadership skill is demonstrated in organizational sustained improvement, high patient, physician and employee satisfaction and regulatory compliance. An active member of the AAAHC Surveyor Cadre and Educational Faculty for over a decade, Ms. Kleinhesselink has been a AAAHC Surveyor for 13 years. She has been recognized by Becker's as one of the "130 Women in Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know" multiple years in a row for her successful leadership within the continuously evolving healthcare industry.
- **Temple O. Robinson, MD** is an accomplished executive physician with over 30 years of successful experience in private and public healthcare. She is the Chief Executive Officer of an AAAHC accredited health center in Florida. Dr. Robinson graduated from Meharry Medical College and proceeded to complete a residency in internal medicine at Richland Memorial Hospital in South Carolina. She is respected nationally and locally as an effective community health leader and ambassador in the community health center movement with an excellent understanding of the complex federally qualified community health center regulations and reporting systems. Dr. Robinson serves on the Executive Committee of the OneFlorida+ Clinical Research Network, a Patient-Centered Outcomes research Institute (PCORI)-funded collaboration among researchers, clinicians, and patients in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Through her leadership, she has aided in fostering increased interest, participations, and enrollment of historically under-represented researchers and cohorts in observational research, pragmatic clinical trials, and important clinical investigations. Dr. Robinson is the Vice-Chair of Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Community Health Centers.

"With such a skilled and diverse leadership team, I am confident we will continue to serve AAAHC and its accredited organizations in their shared goal of improving patient safety and quality of care through accreditation," said Board Chair David Shapiro, MD. "During our tenure, we on the board will dedicate our efforts to demonstrating the value of accreditation and its direct impact on patient outcomes and continuous improvement throughout the 1,095 days of the accreditation term."

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About AAAHC

Founded in 1979, AAAHC is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation, with more than 6,600 organizations accredited. 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/Tribal 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 peer-based, educational approach to onsite review. The AAAHC Certificate of Accreditation, along with specialized programs including Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Patient-Centered Medical Home Certification, demonstrates an organization's commitment to providing safe, high-quality services to its patients—every day of the 1,095-day accreditation cycle. AAAHC Accreditation and Certification Programs are recognized by third-party payors, medical professional associations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies, and the public. For more information on AAAHC, please visit www.aaahc.org.