



ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS INSTITUTE

DATE September 29, 2014
TO Nominating Committee
FROM David Engler, PhD, Senior Vice President
for Leadership and Innovation
RE Board Vacancies

MEMORANDUM

With the retirement of John Bluford this summer, a vacancy has been created on the Institute Board. The nominating committee is asked to consider two candidates for this member-director position:

- Jody Jenner, President and CEO, Broadlawns Medical Center
- Dennis Keefe, President and CEO, Care New England Health System

The initial term for this position will run through June 30, 2015. Candidates will be eligible for re-election to additional two-year terms.

Requested Action: Select one candidate for recommendation to the Association Board.



**Jody Jenner, RN, FACHE
President and CEO
Broadlawns Medical Center**

Jody Jenner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Broadlawns Medical Center, assumed his responsibilities on April 3, 2006. Before his arrival at Broadlawns, he was the Chief Executive Officer and Administrator of the Pipestone County Medical Center, an affiliate of Avera Health System, in Pipestone, Minnesota. Prior to his tenure with the Avera Health System he was with the Banner Health System and held hospital chief operating officer positions in Wyoming and South Dakota. Preceding his career in healthcare, Mr. Jenner held various management and leadership positions in finance and administration with the IBM Corporation.

Mr. Jenner graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Economics) and a Master of Business Administration degree, both from the University of South Dakota. He also graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He is a registered nurse and a licensed nursing home administrator.



Dennis Keefe
President and CEO
Care New England Health System

Dennis Keefe currently serves as the President and CEO of the Care New England (CNE) Health System based in Providence, R.I. Keefe has occupied this position since Aug. 2011. CNE consists of four hospitals (Butler, Women & Infants, Kent and Memorial (effective 9/13) Hospitals) and the VNA of

Care New England, with revenues of \$1 Billion annually. Recent accomplishments include the acquisition of Memorial Hospital of RI, a new Academic Affiliation with Brown University School of Medicine, an Affiliation with The Providence Center for Behavioral Health, and an Innovative Strategic Partnership with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of RI.

Keefe previously served as the CEO of Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and the Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Cambridge, Mass. from 2002-2011. CHA grew significantly under Keefe's leadership, becoming an over \$1 billion integrated healthcare delivery system. While at CHA, Keefe led the organization through a significant service reconfiguration plan which served to stabilize the foundation of CHA to serve its employees and patients for the future.

Keefe also served as chair of the Massachusetts Hospital Association (MHA). Additionally, he has served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Public Hospitals and as Board Chair of the National Public Health and Hospital Institute.

In 2008, Keefe was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts advocacy organization Health Care for All for his efforts to improve access to medical care in Mass. and, in 2009, received the American College of Healthcare Executives' Massachusetts Healthcare Executive of the Year Award.

He is a highest honors graduate of Northeastern University where he received the Dean's Citation Award as the top student in the Health Sciences Program. Keefe also earned a master's degree in business administration, with a focus in health care administration, from Northeastern University, and was honored as the 2005 Alumnus of the Year by Northeastern University.