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Alameda Health System Appoints Michele Lawrence as Incoming Board of Trustees President

Oakland, Calif. (July 1, 2015) – Alameda Health System (AHS) is pleased to announce Michele Lawrence as the incoming president for the AHS Board of Trustees effective July 1, 2015. Lawrence succeeds Kirk E. Miller, who has served as president since January 2013. Lawrence joined the Board in November 2012, and has served on the Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Quality Professional Services Committee. She recently led the CEO search, culminating in the appointment Delvecchio S. Finley who will join the organization in August.

“Michele is a strong advocate for health equity, workforce diversity and community wellness,” said Kirk Miller, outgoing AHS Board president. “She is an exceptional leader with considerable experience governing and managing complex organizations, like AHS. I am confident that AHS is on the right path for achieving success, and that Trustee Lawrence will ensure the board continues to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities while advancing its mission of Caring, Healing, Teaching, and Serving All.”

As Superintendent of the Berkeley Unified School District from 2001-2008, Lawrence led a financial turnaround that moved the district’s \$100 million budget from insolvency to stability. During her tenure, she also led the launch of a progressive school lunch initiative created to combat juvenile diabetes and obesity. She initiated changes in mental health programs with city and county agencies that brought needed resources and services into the district’s schools.

Trustee Lawrence continues her advocacy work as a consultant to the Earl Warren Institute at UC Berkeley, the Orfalea Foundation, the Marin Community Foundation and several public school districts.

Outgoing Board president Miller will remain a member at large through the end of his term in December 2015.

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About Alameda Health System (AHS)

Alameda Health System, a major public health care provider headquartered in Oakland, California, is recognized as a world-class patient and family centered system of care with more than 4,500 employees, 1,000 physicians and 480 volunteers. Their facilities include Highland Hospital, a major regional trauma center and teaching hospital; Alameda Hospital, an acute care facility providing emergency, in-patient and outpatient services in Alameda; San Leandro Hospital, which provides emergency and in-patient hospital care services; John George Psychiatric Hospital, an acute and emergency care facility in San Leandro; Fairmont Hospital, an acute rehabilitation hospital and skilled nursing facility, also in San Leandro; and four ambulatory wellness centers in Oakland as well as in Newark and Hayward.