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Alameda Health System Names Kinzi Richholt Chief Nurse Executive

Oakland, Calif. (August 4, 2014) – Alameda Health System (AHS) announced today that Kinzi Richholt has been named Chief Nurse Executive. A veteran of Bay Area health care with more than 25 years of experience, Ms. Richholt joined AHS in February 2014 as the interim Chief Nurse Executive and will continue overseeing nursing services and operations throughout the network in this permanent appointment.

“Kinzi’s skill set combines a passion for nursing with a keen strategic vision, both of which are vital at a health care system committed to providing a family and patient centered system of care for all,” said Wright L. Lassiter, III, Chief Executive Officer of AHS. “Under Kinzi’s stellar guidance, AHS nurses continue to fulfill this mission for excellence.”

Ms. Richholt most recently served as a consultant for Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Antioch, Calif. At Kaiser, she implemented strategic initiatives to improve care experience and significantly raised Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) scores. She also consulted for Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, Calif., where she mentored new nursing leaders, developed care experience plans and addressed productivity.

She was also Chief, System Operations and Management Support Services at Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont, Calif., where she led cardiovascular and perioperative services, pharmacy, materials management, and food and nutrition services. Prior to that role, she held several positions at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, Calif. including Senior Vice President, Vice President of Patient Care Services/Chief Nurse Executive, and Clinical Nurse Manager of Perinatal Services. Her accomplishments at St. Rose Hospital include creating a “Partners-in-Practice” delivery care system in collaboration with the Chief of the Medical Staff, and managing all operations.

Ms. Richholt received a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from Holy Names College in Oakland, and a Master’s Degree in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.

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.