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STEVEN KELLY TO RECEIVE ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST HONOR

It is with pleasure that the Kansas Hospital Association announces Steven Kelly, former president and CEO of Newton Medical Center, Newton, has been selected to receive the Charles S. Billings Award. Members of the Kansas Hospital Association will present Kelly with the Billings Award on Sept. 7 during the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Wichita.

The Charles S. Billings Award, named after the association's first president, was created in 1971 to recognize distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the field of health care in Kansas. The Kansas Hospital Association reserves this award for those who have shown their commitment, leadership and dedication to that noble pursuit. Kelly is the 39th recipient of this award.

Kelly has dedicating his career to rural health care, working with hospitals in Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma and Kansas. Kelly was the president and CEO of Newton Medical Center from 2000 to 2016 through an unprecedented period of growth and expansion. Under his leadership, there were six building additions; gross revenue grew from \$50 million to more than \$200 million annually. He successfully recruited physicians; added 11 primary care and specialty clinics, added inpatient rehabilitation, cardiac catheterizations, geriatric psychiatry, case management services, and negotiated a purchase of majority ownership in a local surgery center – and these represent only a portion of his achievements.

Kelly left his role as president and CEO of Newton Medical Center in 2016, but remains a trusted advisor to the hospital. He is currently serving as the interim CEO for Summit Surgical in Hutchinson.

“Steve is highly respected throughout Kansas, and many seek his counsel. He was always incredibly generous with the time he devoted to KHA, whether it was service on our board, representing hospitals on KanCare issues, or traveling to Washington, DC, to tell the hospital story to our Congressional representatives,” said Tom Bell, president and CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association.

Kelly has served in numerous positions for the Kansas Hospital Association. He has been a member of several KHA committees including the KHA Governance Committee, Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Committee, as well as committees related to health care finance, rural health visioning and political fundraising. Kelly has been a member of the KHA Board of Directors, serving as chair in both 2014 and 2015. He served as the chair of the APS Board of Directors in 2011, chair of the KHERF Board of Directors in 2006, and KHA district chair in 2008 and 2009. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for KaMMCO.

Kelly is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a licensed nursing home administrator. He has served as adjunct faculty for Wichita State University, Houston Community College and Southside Virginia Community College. He has taught courses in health care, leadership, management and quality.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 215 member facilities, of which 127 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA’s vision is: “Optimal Health for Kansans.”

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