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Deborah Frye Stern Announces Retirement

Hospitals are thankful for her leadership, broad knowledge and good counsel

(June 19, 2020) – Deborah Frye Stern, RN, JD, has announced she will be retiring on July 3 after 18 years with the Kansas Hospital Association.

Stern serves as senior vice president of clinical services and general counsel for KHA. In her role as a registered nurse and an attorney, she oversees legal and clinical services, and is the Corporate Compliance Officer for the Association and its family of corporations. She provides members with information on legal, regulatory, legislative and behavioral health issues. Stern serves as the liaison to KHA allied organizations representing hospital risk managers, nursing leaders and health care attorneys. She also serves as the executive director of the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders and serves on many internal and external committees, which focus on behavioral health, payment parity, maternal mortality, antimicrobial stewardship, long-term care and newborn screening.

Prior to joining KHA, Stern was employed at the Alderson Law Firm, Stormont-Vail Health and the Menninger Foundation. Her legal and clinical knowledge has been invaluable for KHA members and the association's advocacy efforts of their behalf.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 216 member facilities, of which 123 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansas.

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