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Phillip Kambic of Riverside Healthcare Elected to Illinois Health and Hospital Association Board

NAPERVILLE – Phillip Kambic, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Riverside Healthcare in Kankakee, has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA). The IHA Board is the policymaking body for the Association, which represents more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems across Illinois. Kambic’s three-year term began on Jan. 1, 2025. The first IHA board meeting was on Jan. 24.

“Over the years, Phil has made valuable contributions to IHA, serving as a Trustee for many years and Board Chair in 2020,” said A.J. Wilhelmi, IHA President and CEO. “Phil’s extensive knowledge and experience will be instrumental as we work together to improve healthcare for all. We are thrilled to welcome him back to the IHA Board.”

Kambic began serving as Riverside Healthcare’s President and CEO in January 2006. He has held various leadership roles, including Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Riverside since 1985.

“I look forward to continuing my involvement with the IHA,” Kambic said. “The work the IHA does is critical to insuring the people of Illinois get the best healthcare possible. There are many challenges, but working together, the IHA and healthcare organizations can be more effective in advocating for hospitals, patients and communities.”

Under Kambic’s leadership, Riverside Medical Center has earned Magnet designation and two re-designations and received multiple IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospital Awards and 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospital Awards. Riverside has expanded its physical presence and geographic footprint to four counties and tripled its net asset size.

Kambic received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Illinois University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Governors State University.

Kambic has a strong history of service on community and professional boards. He previously chaired the boards for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association and Kankakee County Economic Development Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

About Riverside Healthcare

Riverside Healthcare is a fully integrated healthcare system serving the needs of patients throughout the counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, Will, Grundy and beyond. Riverside Healthcare is comprised of five entities: Riverside Medical Center is located in Kankakee, IL and is part of Riverside Healthcare, a fully integrated healthcare system serving the needs of individuals and communities throughout the counties of Kankakee, Iroquois, Will, Grundy and beyond.

About IHA

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield, and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois' more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems as they serve their patients and communities. IHA members provide a broad range of services—not just within their walls, but across the continuum of healthcare and in their communities. Reflecting the diversity of the state, IHA members consist of nonprofit, investor-owned and public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [X](#) (formally known as Twitter).

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