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Tracy Bauer Elected to Illinois Health and Hospital Association Board

GALENA - Tracy Bauer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Midwest Medical Center, Galena, 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. Bauer's three-year term began on Jan. 1, 2023.

"I am pleased to welcome Tracy to the IHA Board," said A.J. Wilhelmi, IHA President and CEO. "Tracy brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep understanding of the challenges and issues impacting Illinois hospitals, particularly those in rural communities. Her perspective will be very important as the Board makes decisions that will guide healthcare policy in the coming year."

In 2011, Bauer was promoted to President and CEO of Midwest Medical Center, after serving as the Chief Operations Officer and Chief Financial Officer since 2000.

Bauer is the former President of the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and has a Master of Health Administration from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

About Midwest Medical Center

Midwest Medical Center is recognized as a leader in promoting and maintaining the health and wellness of people in the communities it serves in and around the Galena, Illinois area. Its staff of board-certified physicians and nurses are committed to providing patient-centered, medically advanced and compassionate care in a healing environment to all individuals. This 25-bed rural critical-access hospital provides emergency care as well as inpatient and outpatient services. Midwest Medical Center also operates 2 Rural Health Clinics, a 57 bed nursing home and 24 unit assisted living. <http://midwestmedicalcenter.org>.

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,

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