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INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION ELECTS 2000 OFFICERS

WALNUT CREEK, CA – The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), a statewide leadership group active in health care policy and managed care issues, has elected the following officers:

Chair: Steve McDermott, CEO, Hill Physicians Medical Group, San Ramon

Chair-Elect: Anthony D. Rodgers, CEO, LA Care Health Plan

Past Chair: David J. Kears, director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

Secretary: Thomas J. Davies, Healthcare Manager, West Region, GTE Corporation

Treasurer: Sharon Levine, MD, Associate Executive Director, The Permanente Medical Group

Steve McDermott has led Hill Physicians Medical Group since 1984, when he organized it under an exclusive management contract with PriMed, a physician group management company which he chairs. Hill Physicians is the largest independent practice association in the country and largest capitated medical group in California, with 2,500 participating physicians, 20 affiliated hospitals, and 400,000 managed care enrollees in Northern California. It was recently honored as the top medical group in California by the Pacific Business Group on Health and received the Strategic Leadership Award from Arthur Andersen. Prior to developing Hill Physicians, McDermott was executive director of the Bay Area Emergency

Medical System and executive director of California Emergency Physicians. He received his undergraduate degree in business from Providence College and a master's in Business and Health Administration from George Washington University.

Anthony D. Rodgers is chief executive officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, a non-profit, publicly governed health plan serving half a million residents of Los Angeles County. It is one of California's largest health plans and the largest Medicaid health plan in the United States. In 1998, Rodgers served on the State Managed Health Care Improvement Task Force and in both 1996 and 1997 was named by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as one of the region's 50 most influential health care leaders. Prior to joining L.A. Care, he headed the Maricopa Health System, an integrated health care delivery system in Phoenix with an annual budget of \$240 million. He received both his BA and master of science degrees from UCLA.

David J. Kears has worked for Alameda County since 1974 and was named director of the Health Care Services Agency in 1986. From 1993 to 1997, he also held the dual title of president and chief executive officer of the Alameda Alliance for Health, the public-private HMO serving county Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the State's Medi-Cal managed care initiative. A licensed clinical social worker, Kears received both his BA in sociology and his MA in social welfare from UC Berkeley. He is a member of the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, County Health Executive Association of California, and other organizations representing health care systems in the State.

Thomas J. Davies is the healthcare manager for the West Region of GTE Corporation. He directs GTE's "value purchasing" strategy for the selection, evaluation, problem resolution,

and performance reporting of 32 competing HMOs and specialized vendors offered under GTE's health benefits program to more than 80,000 employees, retirees, and dependents in a 13-state region.

Davies serves on the boards of directors of the Pacific Business Group on Health, the Foundation of the California Academy of Family Practice, and *Pacific Health Advantage*, the State's recently privatized health insurance purchasing cooperative for small employers. He received his BA from Miami University, an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh, and his JD from the John Marshall School of Law.

Sharon Levine, MD, has been a practicing pediatrician with The Permanente Medical Group since 1977 and associate executive director for the Medical Group since 1991. She has broad responsibilities for human resources (recruitment, compensation, clinical and management training), diversity, public relations, health policy, and community and government relations. Dr. Levine is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a member of the American College of Physician Executives, California Medical Association, American Medical Women's Association, and American Medical Association. She received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College and her MD from Tufts University School of Medicine. Statewide, The Permanente Medical Group employs 4,000 physicians and serves 3 million members enrolled in Kaiser Permanente, the state's largest HMO.

IHA (www.iha.org) is a statewide leadership group of health plans, physician groups, and health care systems, plus at large academic, purchaser, consumer, and pharmaceutical industry representatives, committed to policy development, public dialogue, and special projects associated with the continuing evolution of managed health care.