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Karen Teitelbaum to Chair 2021 Illinois Health and Hospital Association Board

Naperville—Karen Teitelbaum, president and CEO, Sinai Chicago, is the chair of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association’s (IHA) 2021 Board of Trustees as of January 1, 2021. The Board of Trustees is the policymaking body for the Association, representing more than 200 hospitals and nearly 40 health systems across Illinois.

“Karen has provided exceptional leadership throughout her career, including as President and CEO of Sinai Chicago, where she leads with a deep commitment to caring for and serving vulnerable patients and communities,” said IHA President and CEO A.J. Wilhelmi. “Her knowledge, experience and passion will be critical as she leads IHA’s Board of Trustees through extraordinary challenges that the Illinois hospital community faces in 2021.”

“On the heels of one of the most tumultuous years in the history of healthcare in 2020, we know that we will face even greater challenges as an industry in 2021,” said Teitelbaum. “I am proud to serve the members of the IHA as we work toward not only defeating COVID-19, but also addressing the issues of health equity across our region and country, ensuring every person can get quality care, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay.”

As President and CEO of Sinai Chicago, the city’s largest private safety net healthcare system serving vulnerable communities, with over \$1 billion in annual revenues, Teitelbaum has overseen a successful turnaround of the system’s financial, philanthropic, and operational performance. During this time, she recruited, retained, and developed a high-performing, diverse executive team of nationally recognized professionals.

Previously, Teitelbaum served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Sinai, overseeing the successful acquisition and integration of a community hospital and the enhancement of quality and safety initiatives, resulting in both national and state recognition.

Teitelbaum is an influential participant in state and national legislative policy-making agendas, having provided testimony on proposed legislation to representatives of both the Illinois Senate and Congress. She has formed strategic relationships with non-healthcare partners, including a

major academic institution and a real estate development firm, in order to train the next generation of professionals and create assets in urban areas.

Teitelbaum serves on numerous civic, state, and national boards, including America's Essential Hospitals (Chair, Equity Task Force), the Chicago-Cook County Innovation Workforce Development Board as a mayoral appointee, and the University of Illinois at Chicago MHA Advisory Board. A member of the Chicago Network, she has served on both the Planning and Healthcare Sector Nominating Committees, the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Economic Club of Chicago, and Kellogg Executive Women's Network.

She has been recognized as "One of 10 Business Leaders to Watch in 2020" by the Chicago Tribune and has twice been named to Crain's Chicago Business "Notable Women in Healthcare" list. She has also been the recipient of numerous awards including the "Women of Science" award from the Weizmann Institute and the National Medical Fellowship "Leader in Healthcare" award.

About Sinai Chicago

Sinai Chicago, formerly Sinai Health System, is a Chicago-based private, not-for-profit organization, comprised of seven member organizations: Mount Sinai Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital, Sinai Children's Hospital, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital, Sinai Medical Group, Sinai Community Institute and Sinai Urban Health Institute. The system has over 800 physicians on its hospital medical staffs, 654 licensed beds, 100,000+ annual emergency department patient visits and eight physician residency training programs. For more information, visit www.sinachicago.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, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [Twitter](#).

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