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## **Sean O’Grady of Endeavor Health Elected to Illinois Health and Hospital Association Board**

**NAPERVILLE** – Sean O’Grady, President, Acute and Ambulatory Operations at Endeavor Health, 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. O’Grady’s three-year term began on Jan. 1, 2026. The first IHA board meeting of the year is scheduled for Jan. 23.

“I am pleased to welcome Sean to the IHA Board,” said A.J. Wilhelmi, IHA President and CEO. “He brings proven leadership and strategic and operational expertise, along with a strong commitment to service and a belief in the power of people working toward a shared purpose. His knowledge and experience will be invaluable as we work together to shape healthcare policy in Illinois.”

“It’s an honor to join the IHA Board and work alongside leaders from across Illinois who are committed to protecting access to care and strengthening Illinois’ healthcare system,” said Sean O’Grady. “Collaboration will be essential as we navigate the challenges facing healthcare and work together to build a more sustainable, patient-centered future for our communities.”

O’Grady oversees Endeavor Health’s nine award-winning hospitals and ambulatory operations across more than 300 sites, as well as Endeavor’s clinical service lines. He also leads the Endeavor Health Academic Affairs Office and Endeavor Health Research Institute, which is home to more than 550 active clinical trials.

Prior to his current role, O’Grady served as President of the North Region and Institutes for Endeavor Health, which included Evanston Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, Highland Park Hospital, Northwest Community Hospital, Skokie Hospital and Swedish Hospital.

O’Grady began his career with NorthShore University HealthSystem in 2006 as Vice President, Specialty Practices, for NorthShore Medical Group. His roles included serving as Senior Vice President of Evanston Hospital, as President of Glenbrook Hospital and as NorthShore Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to joining NorthShore, O’Grady worked at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab as Vice President of Operations and at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and the BJC Health system in St. Louis in various administrative positions. He completed the David A. Gee Administrative Fellowship at The

Jewish Hospital of St. Louis in 1994. He earned his bachelor's degree from Bradley University and his master's degree in Hospital and Health Administration from the University of Iowa.

O'Grady is a past president of The University of Iowa Hospital & Health Administration Alumni Board, a member of Faith, Hope & Charity parish in Winnetka and previously served an eight-year elected term as president of Illinois District 29's (Sunset Ridge) Board of Education.

### **About Endeavor Health**

Endeavor Health<sup>SM</sup> is a Chicagoland-based integrated health system driven by our mission to help everyone in our communities be their best. As Illinois' third-largest health system and third-largest medical group, we proudly serve an area of more than 4.1 million residents across seven northeast Illinois counties. Our more than 28,300 team members, including more than 1,900 employed physicians, are the heart of our organization, delivering seamless access to personalized, pioneering, world-class patient care across more than 300 ambulatory locations and nine hospitals, including eight Magnet-recognized acute care hospitals – Edward (Naperville), Elmhurst, Evanston, Glenbrook (Glenview), Highland Park, Northwest Community (Arlington Heights), Skokie and Swedish (Chicago) and Linden Oaks Behavioral Health Hospital (Naperville). For more information, visit <http://www.endeavorhealth.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-ihh.org](http://www.team-ihh.org). Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [X](#) (formally known as Twitter).

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