



Electronic Health Record Association Announces FY21 Leadership

(Chicago, July 16, 2020) The [Electronic Health Record Association](#) (EHRA) announced the results of its annual Executive Committee elections for terms beginning July 1, 2020. The EHR Association is a trade association of 30 companies that serve the vast majority of hospitals and ambulatory care organizations that use electronic health records (EHRs) and other health information and technology to deliver high quality, efficient care to their patients.

The Executive Committee, which establishes EHRA's guiding principles and develops and implements strategic plans, will be led by new Chair Hans Buitendijk, Director of Interoperability Strategy with the Cerner Corporation, and Vice Chair David Bucciferro, Senior Advisor at Foothold Technology.

Newly elected to the EHRA Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2021 are:

- Stephanie Jamison, Director of Regulatory Affairs at Greenway Health
- Alya Sulaiman, JD, Director of Health Policy and Regulatory Affairs at Epic

Continuing members of the EHRA Executive Committee are:

- Barbara Hobbs, Senior Government Affairs Manager at MEDITECH
- Cherie Holmes-Henry, Vice President, Government and Industry Affairs at Nextgen Healthcare
- Rick Reeves, RPh, Director of Government Relations at CPSI
- Courtney Tesvich, RN, Vice President Regulatory at Nextech

Past Chairs Leigh Burchell, Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Policy at Allscripts, and Sasha TerMaat, Director at Epic, will serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Reflecting the balance that EHRA strives to achieve in its leadership to represent both practice-focused and hospital-focused EHR software developers, Bucciferro, Holmes-Henry, Jamison and Tesvich fill ambulatory-focused seats. Buitendijk, Hobbs, Reeves and Sulaiman fill enterprise-focused seats.

This year, in addition to eight standing workgroups and an Opioid Crisis Task Force, the Association formed a [COVID-19 Task Force](#) to identify how EHRs and other technology can more efficiently assist providers and public health professionals addressing the pandemic.

"The value of the collaborative efforts of EHR Association members has never been more clear than during this public health emergency," said Buitendijk. "Facilitating COVID-19 data collection is a [key priority for EHRA leadership](#), and we appreciate the opportunities we've had to offer guidance to HHS, CDC and other agencies as the importance of public health data-sharing has become more urgent."

Continued Buitendijk, "Our diverse client experiences provide insights into their challenges -- such as data requests from multiple public health authorities -- and help identify solutions. The hospitals and clinicians on the front lines of fighting COVID-19 deserve all the support we can provide to enable them to focus on caring for their patients."

Another priority for the Association is clarification and implementation of the recently released final rule from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) on interoperability,

certification and information blocking. Said Bucciferro, “EHRA has supported the intent of the 21st Century Cures Act and its sections on information blocking and interoperability for many years, and [our members are committed](#) to successfully implementing the new regulations. We know that this rule will fundamentally change healthcare and the health IT industry in the coming years, and we will be working together to guide our member companies, seek answers on areas of ambiguity, and partner with other stakeholders as we move forward to implement the requirements.”

About the EHR Association

Established in 2004, the EHR Association’s 30 member companies serve the vast majority of hospitals, post-acute, specialty-specific, and ambulatory healthcare providers using EHRs across the United States. Its core objectives focus on collaborative efforts to accelerate health information and technology adoption, advance information exchange between interoperable systems, and improve the quality and efficiency of care through the use of these important technologies.

The EHR Association is a partner of HIMSS. For more information, visit www.ehra.org.

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