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## AHRMM Membership Elects 2016 Board Members

**CHICAGO**, September 4, 2015 — The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM), of the American Hospital Association, has announced that Karen Conway, CMRP, executive director, industry relations at GHX based in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be chair-elect of the 2016 Board of Directors and serve as board chair in 2017. In addition, the AHRMM membership elected three new provider seat board members to begin their term in 2016: Darcy Aafedt, CMRP, FAHRMM, Jimmy Chung, M.D. and Teresa Dail, R.N., B.S.N.

**Karen Conway** currently serves as executive director, industry relations, for GHX and is a frequent author and speaker, a regular contributor to numerous healthcare blogs, and produces both podcasts and videos on the healthcare supply chain. Conway led the healthcare supply chain discussion at the inaugural Internet of Things Global Forum, chaired the first European Unique Device Identifier (UDI) conference, and facilitated discussions on the role of the supply chain and healthcare reform with former U.S. Senate Presidents Bill Frist and Tom Daschle and National Coordinator for Health IT, David Blumenthal, M.D. She presents frequently on UDI, the AHRMM CQO Movement and expanding the stature and role of the healthcare supply chain. Having recently completed a three-year term on the AHRMM board of directors, Conway is well informed and will be an excellent addition to the Association's executive team.

Healthcare provider representatives **Darcy Aafedt, CMRP, FAHRMM; Jimmy Chung, M.D.; and Teresa Dail, R.N., B.S.N.** are responsible for advocating for their constituents by conveying provider issues to the AHRMM board as well as carrying out AHRMM's mission. **Aafedt**, supply chain decision support senior manager at Banner Health in Chandler, Ariz., brings 14 years of healthcare supply chain experience to the board, is the Chapter President of the Arizona Healthcare Materials Management Association (AHMMA), and is a strong advocate for education and knowledge-sharing within the supply chain field. **Dr. Chung**, director, medical products analysis at Providence Health & Services in Seattle, has 24 years of healthcare experience, including 13 years as a surgeon. He brings clinical, physician engagement and supply chain strategy knowledge to the board. **Dail**, chief supply chain officer at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., brings 35 years of healthcare experience to the board. With 17 years in nursing, she is passionate about providing the highest quality of care through developing relationships between physicians, clinicians and supply chain.

"On behalf of AHRMM, I am honored to welcome our newly elected board members. Strengthening our diversity, our new board members will provide AHRMM with additional healthcare supply chain field experience, as well as new clinical perspectives, that will bring innovations and ideas to the board and help AHRMM support its mission of advancing healthcare through supply chain excellence," said AHRMM Board Chair Brent Petty. "The AHRMM board of director elections is imperative to AHRMM's success and is a time for members to share their voice by selecting representatives who will determine AHRMM's strategic direction."

The new board representatives will begin their three-year term on January 1, 2016. AHRMM elections are held each year via the organization's website. AHRMM posts each candidate's biographical information and platform so every member can make an informed decision when voting.

Visit [www.ahrmm.org/Elections](http://www.ahrmm.org/Elections) for more information and to review Karen Conway's platform.

### About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management is the leading national association for executives in the healthcare resource and materials management profession. A professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, AHRMM serves more than 4,200 active members. Founded in 1951, AHRMM prepares its members to contribute to the field and advance the profession through networking, education, recognition and advocacy. For more information, visit [www.ahrmm.org](http://www.ahrmm.org).

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