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Christopher J. O'Connor Receives AHRMM's 2016 Leadership Award

CHICAGO, August 1, 2016 — The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has named Christopher J. O'Connor, FACHE, CMRP, FAHRMM the recipient of the 2016 George R. Gossett Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is presented in memory of George R. Gossett, an early president of AHRMM. Gossett envisioned the prominence of resource and materials management in the healthcare field and championed the educational and professional development of the resource and materials management discipline. It is the highest honor bestowed by AHRMM and is given to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership and professionalism in the field, made significant contributions to AHRMM and advanced the healthcare supply chain.

"Christopher's visionary, transformative and engaging qualities were essential in propelling the supply chain profession and the AHRMM membership into positioning supply chain at the intersection of Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO)," said Mary Beth Lang, current Chair of the AHRMM Board of Directors. "Without his tenacity and leadership, the CQO Movement may have been a fleeting concept."

O'Connor has worked in the healthcare field for more than two decades. He has held a variety of leadership positions over the course of his career and has built a reputation as an innovative and growth-oriented thought leader. O'Connor currently serves as Executive Vice President of [GNYHA Ventures, Inc.](#), President of [GNYHA Services, Inc.](#), and President of [Nexera, Inc.](#) Most recently, he received the 2015 Healthcare Leaders of New York Award of Distinction, which recognizes healthcare executives who have demonstrated a sustained and outstanding contribution to the advancement of healthcare administration as a profession.

O'Connor has elevated the healthcare supply chain field through his strong expertise and ability to always be thinking ahead. In addition to publishing more than 50 articles on healthcare supply chain, in 2015 he published *Healthcare Supply Chain: At the Intersection of Cost, Quality, and Outcomes*, an educational book that highlights the importance of cost, quality, and outcomes being at the center of a strategic supply chain.

As a past AHRMM board Chair, O'Connor aimed to create discussion, build consensus, and motivate change throughout the healthcare landscape. He was instrumental in the nationwide launch of the CQO Movement, introducing the platform in 2013 with AHRMM's then-Chair Annette Pummel. O'Connor continues to advance a vision of the strategic healthcare supply chain, sharing the CQO message to audiences of hospitals, suppliers and the 2013 AHA Board of Directors.

O'Connor received the award today at AHRMM's Annual Conference in San Diego.

About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association is the leading national association for executives in the healthcare materials management profession. Founded in 1951, AHRMM prepares its more than 4,300 members to contribute to the field and advance the profession through the intersection of cost, quality, and outcomes. AHRMM continues its commitment to keep members at the top of their field by providing networking, education, recognition, and advocacy information and resources. For more information, visit www.ahrmm.org.

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