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## **Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative Elects New Board Members, Leadership**

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI), a non-profit organization, whose mission is to improve healthcare in Pennsylvania by fostering the adoption and use of electronic health records (EHRs) and other advanced healthcare information technology across the Commonwealth, has elected its 2013 Board of Directors and Officers.

Three new members were elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors: **James Walker, MD**, Geisinger Health System representing Hospitals and Hospital Systems. **Jean Stretton, MD** Gateway Medical Association representing Clinicians; and **William “Buddy” Gillespie**, DSS representing Supporting Organizations.

Re-elected to serve on the twelve-member Board was **Sharon Dorogy**, Director of Information Systems, The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, representing Hospitals and Hospital Systems.

Elected as officers for 2013 are: **Robert Torres, JD**, Vice President, Health Information Technology at Capital BlueCross representing Insurance Organizations elected for his first term as **Chairperson**; **Kenneth D. Coburn, MD** CEO and Medical Director of Health Quality Partners (HQP) representing Quality Improvement Organizations, elected for his first term as **Vice Chair**; **Bernie Lynch**, Senior Director, Payer Relations, Pennsylvania Medical Society, elected to his fourth term as **Treasurer**; and **Martin Ciccocioppo**, Vice President Research, The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), elected to his fourth term as **Secretary**; **Sharon Dorogy**, Director of Information Systems, The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh, representing Hospitals and Hospital Systems will serve as **Past Chair**.

Other voting board members include: **Steve J. Fox, JD**, partner with Post & Schell PC, representing the Consumer and At-Large members; **Alix Goss**, State Health IT Coordinator, Program Director of the PA eHealth Partnership Authority representing Government Organizations; **Phil Magistro**, Director of Health Informatics, Quality Insights of PA; and **Charles J. Stuckey Jr., OD** Executive Director, Pennsylvania Optometric Association, representing Health Care Organizations.

In addition to its twelve members, the Board also includes five(5) Ex-Officio members, including: **Edith Dees**, Holy Spirit Hospital; **Gus Geraci, MD**, PA Medical Society; **Augusta “Gus” Kairys**, Highmark; **Don Levick, MD**, Lehigh Valley Health Network; and PA State **Senator Randy Vulakovich**. Serving for her third year as the Executive Director is **Chris Cavanaugh, EdD**.

*The Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI) was created in 2005 to encourage the development and use of electronic health records (EHRs) in Pennsylvania along with health information exchanges (HIE), which will ultimately tie into a nationwide system allowing patients and healthcare providers to securely access medical records regionally and throughout the country. The initiative is working with providers, health insurers, businesses, and government to inform healthcare stakeholders and all Pennsylvanians of the benefits of utilizing electronic health records; interconnect all healthcare stakeholders to make health information available; address legal and policy issues, which could impede the development of HIEs; enable secure, confidential access to health information; and enable patient access and control of their health information. PAeHI background and membership information is available at [www.paehi.org](http://www.paehi.org).*