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

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative (PAeHI), whose mission is to improve healthcare in Pennsylvania by fostering the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) and other advanced healthcare information technology across the Commonwealth, has elected its 2010 Board of Directors and Officers.

One new member was elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors: **JoAnn Klinedinst**, (HIMSS), representing health care professional organizations.

Re-elected to serve on the twelve-member Board were: **Kenneth D. Coburn, M.D.**, President, Chief Executive Officer & Medical Officer, Health Quality Partners, representing quality improvement organizations; **Ellen Marshall**, Deputy Director, Camden Area Health Education Center (AHEC), representing consumers and members-at-large; and **Jay Srini**, Chief Innovation Officer, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health Plan, newly representing payer organizations.

Elected as officers for 2010 were: **Sharon L. Dorogy**, Director of Information Systems, the Children's Institute, elected **Chairperson**, replacing Martin Ciccocioppo, Vice President of Research, Health & Hospital Association of PA; **Jay Srini**, UPMC Health Plan, elected to her second term as **Vice Chair**; **Bernie Lynch**, Senior Director, Payer Relations, Pennsylvania Medical Society, newly appointed to the board and elected to his first term as **Treasurer**; and **Martin Ciccocioppo**, elected to his first term as **Secretary**.

Other voting board members include: PA State Senator Mike Folmer; Dan Jones, Quality Insights of PA; Dr. Don Levick, Lehigh Valley Hospital; Phil Magistro, PA Governor's Office of Health Care Reform; Elliot Menschik, MeDecision; and Dr. Jean Stretton, Gateway Medical Associates.

In addition to its eleven members, the Board also includes seven (7) Ex-Officio members, including: Steve Fox, Post & Schell; William Gillespie, Wellspan Health System; Mark Jacobs, Wellspan Health System; Darlene Kauffman, PA Medical Society; Dr. James Walker, Geisinger Health System; Robert Torres, PA Department of Health; and Dr. Donald Wilson, Quality Insights of PA. Mark Stevens continues on in his third year as Executive Director.

*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 health care stakeholders and all Pennsylvanians of the benefits of utilizing electronic health records; interconnect all health care 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).*