MAUREEN BISOGNANO TO RETIRE AS IHI PRESIDENT AND CEO AT END OF 2015; EVP DEREK FEELEY APPOINTED TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION

Cambridge, MA – October 13, 2015 – The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) today announced that Maureen Bisognano has decided to retire as IHI President and CEO at the end of the year. IHI’s Board of Directors, after conducting an executive search process over the last several months, has appointed Derek Feeley, IHI’s Executive Vice President, as Bisognano’s successor, effective January 1, 2016.

Bisognano will stay engaged with IHI working with leaders globally, and continuing to advise both IHI and its partner organizations on how best to improve health and health care worldwide. Bisognano’s plans for the future include applying her expertise on improvement and large-scale change to address other social issues. “I’m excited to apply all the lessons I’ve learned in my career, as well as the lessons my husband Chuck has learned in his health care career, to bring about social change together,” Bisognano said.

“On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Maureen for her tremendous leadership, which has positioned IHI at the forefront of the global movement to improve health and health care. It has been an honor to work alongside her,” stated Gary S. Kaplan, MD, Chairman of IHI’s Board of Directors, and Chairman and CEO of Virginia Mason Health System.

A world expert on health care improvement and a tireless advocate, Bisognano joined IHI in 1995, recruited by founder Donald M. Berwick. She served for 15 years as IHI’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, prior to being named President and CEO in 2010. Maureen has touched and influenced countless lives in her career – from patients, to front-line providers, to CEOs, to political leaders.

“It has been an extraordinary privilege to lead this amazing organization, and to have worked hand in hand with thousands of dedicated professionals around the world, striving together to improve the quality and safety of health care, and to improve the health and wellbeing of millions of people,” stated Bisognano. “I am immeasurably and eternally grateful to the IHI staff, board members, fellows, faculty, customers, and partners – past and present – for all you do to improve the lives of people and communities all over the world. Watching IHI continue to flourish under Derek Feeley’s leadership will be one of the unique joys of the next chapter of my life.”

Derek Feeley joined IHI as Executive Vice President in 2013, and has been responsible for guiding the organization’s improvement work involving communities, whole countries, and large systems, as well as expanding the global footprint of IHI and shared learning across continents. Prior to joining IHI, Feeley was Director General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of the National Health Service (NHS) in Scotland. In this role he was the principal adviser to Scottish Ministers on health and care issues and he provided direction to the work of NHS Boards in ensuring the delivery of high-quality health care.
Board Chair Kaplan added, “Derek’s vision, expertise, leadership experience, and deep understanding of IHI make him a natural fit for CEO. He has played a tremendous leadership role at IHI since joining the organization, and has the full confidence of the board and staff.”

“I am honored to follow Don Berwick and Maureen Bisognano as IHI’s President and CEO,” stated Feeley, “and I am deeply grateful to the board for this opportunity. It has been a privilege to work with Maureen over the last two years and I have learned a huge amount from her wisdom, her compassion, and her genuine commitment to better health and care for all. I have also had the good fortune over that period to guide IHI’s staff as we work to improve our own capability to support and lead multiple initiatives in the US and across the world. I am greatly looking forward to leading this outstanding group of people in this next phase of our work.”

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