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DR. ENRIQUE RUELAS JOINS IHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Ruelas is the Former Secretary of the General Health Council of Mexico

Cambridge, MA – February 24, 2015 – The [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI), a leading innovator in health and health care improvement worldwide, is pleased to announce its newest board member: Dr. Enrique Ruelas, who most recently served as Secretary of the General Health Council of Mexico, the body responsible for all mandatory health regulations and accreditations in Mexico. Dr. Ruelas is a public health luminary across Latin America, having held government positions in Mexico for 11 years before joining IHI as Senior Fellow in 2011. He is also Professor and Director of Public Policy and Health Systems at the university, Tecnológico de Monterrey, and immediate past President of the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico.

Throughout his career, Dr. Ruelas has been responsible for a number of public health initiatives in Mexico, including the design and implementation of the first formal program of quality improvement in the country. While serving as Vice Minister for Quality and Innovation, his “National Crusade for Quality” campaign introduced and measured quality indicators in the country, strengthened accreditation, developed codes of ethics for health professionals, and promulgated patient rights. As Senior Fellow with IHI, Dr. Ruelas has helped countries across Latin America and around the world tap into each other’s and IHI’s expertise and share and refine their knowledge of quality improvement. Dr. Ruelas has been a key resource for IHI’s partnerships with health systems not only in Mexico, but also in Brazil, Chile, and Colombia.

“We are pleased to welcome such an accomplished figure in public health and quality improvement to the IHI Board,” said Maureen Bisognano, President and CEO of IHI. “Dr. Ruelas has already contributed immensely to IHI through his work as a Senior Fellow, and we look forward to the further insights and direction he can offer the organization as a member of the board.”

In addition to his leadership in Mexico’s General Health Council, Dr. Ruelas has served as President of the Latin American Society for Quality in Health Care; Chair of the Latin American Consortium for Innovation, Quality and Safety in Health Care (CLICSS); President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua); Founding President of the Mexican Society for Quality in Health Care; President of the Mexican Hospital Association; Program Director of Health for Latin America and the Caribbean at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; and Dean of the National School of Public Health of Mexico at the National Institute of Public Health. He has published 14 books and over 60 articles, holds a number of honorary positions, and has lectured extensively worldwide.

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