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IHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADDS NEW MEMBERS, APPOINTS NEW BOARD CHAIR

Cambridge, MA – September 12, 2017 – As part of the National Patient Safety Foundation’s (NPSF) recent [merger](#) with the [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) (IHI), IHI today announced the appointment of four former NPSF Board members to the IHI Board of Directors. New members of the IHI Board include **Ann Scott Blouin**, RN, PhD, FACHE, Executive Vice President, Customer Relations, The Joint Commission; **Gerald B. Hickson**, MD, Senior Vice President, Quality, Safety, & Risk Prevention, Joseph C. Ross Chair in Medical Education and Administration, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; **Mary Beth Navarra-Sirio**, RN, MBA, Principal, Sirio² Healthcare Innovations; and **Sam R. Watson**, MSA, CPPS, Senior Vice President, Patient Safety and Quality, Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone Center. In addition, current board member, **Michael Dowling**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Northwell Health, assumes the role of IHI Board Chair, previously held by Gary S. Kaplan, MD, Chairman and CEO, Virginia Mason Health System.

This week, the IHI Board of Directors will engage in strategic, five-year planning for the organization, discussing IHI’s global scope of work and the ideal programming mix needed to address some of the most pressing needs in health and health care improvement today and going forward.

“We are thrilled to welcome such an esteemed group of individuals to the IHI Board,” said Derek Feeley, President and CEO of IHI. “The experience, expertise, and leadership they each bring is crucial at this pivotal time for health and health care. With so many competing priorities, it’s more important than ever to examine and refine how IHI can best help leaders and frontline clinicians meet today’s challenges, while ensuring that patient safety remains a top priority. We are confident that our board, led by Michael Dowling, is more than ready to help us drive forward IHI’s mission to improve health and health care for all.”

About the Institute for Healthcare Improvement

IHI is a leader in health and health care improvement worldwide. For more than 25 years, IHI has partnered with visionaries, leaders, and frontline practitioners around the globe to spark bold, inventive ways to improve the health of individuals and populations. Recognized as an innovator, convener, trustworthy partner, and driver of results, IHI is the first place to turn for expertise, help, and encouragement for anyone, anywhere who wants to change health and health care profoundly for the better. Learn more at ihi.org.

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