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NCHL'S MARIE SINIORIS TO RETIRE IN EARLY 2011

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CHICAGO, January 10, 2011 – The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) said today that its President and CEO Marie E. Sinioris will retire during the first quarter of 2011.

“From day one, Marie has spearheaded the Center’s growth and success,” said NCHL Chairman Michael J. Dowling, who is president and CEO of North Shore-LIJ Health System. “With her creativity, vision, and indefatigable hard work she has helped to create an organization that has earned a national reputation for its ground-breaking research and high-caliber programs that prepare healthcare leaders to achieve operational excellence and meet the demands to improve the health of the population.”

Sinioris, who is 67, said she is retiring to pursue some of her personal interests, but hopes to return to healthcare in the near future as a teacher and mentor on leadership and quality issues. NCHL is continuing its leadership development programs and research and demonstration projects under a newly formed partnership with Rush University Medical Center and the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Sinioris will stay with NCHL during the transition period.

“It’s a rare honor to be able to work side-by-side with some of healthcare’s greatest visionaries and esteemed professionals; NCHL has given me that opportunity and I am forever grateful,” Sinioris. “But I am also humbled by NCHL’s work which has created tools that have the ability to transform healthcare, improve performance and create better environments for the delivery of healthcare serves to the nation’s entire population.”

In 2001, Sinioris was a co-founder of NCHL with Gail L. Warden, chairman emeritus of Henry Ford Health System, in response to the demand for innovative and forward thinking healthcare executives who could lead the industry amid an increasingly complex and rapidly changing environment. Using evidence-based management as a backdrop, NCHL developed an approach of creating competency-based

models using global best practices that could be implemented, tested, evaluated and then widely disseminated to the field. Today, those results are used by health systems throughout the country.

“Marie has emerged as a vital change agent to healthcare, overseeing the task of creating tools to enable healthcare organizations to achieve high performance, accountability, and improved patient quality and safety,” Warden said. “Under Marie’s guidance, some of NCHL’s greatest successes include the Health Leadership Competency Model, which is now a gold standard in the field, changes to graduate health management curricula that include competency-based education and outcomes assessment resulting in graduates who are prepared to join healthcare teams, and unique shared learning opportunities for C-suite executives and middle managers.”

Prior to NCHL, Sinioris was president and CEO of Arc Ventures, LLC, a diversified healthcare company affiliated with Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago, where she was also Corporate Vice President Strategic Planning and SVP and COO of Rush Health Plans. In 1994 she co-founded and served as President of the Lincoln Foundation for Business Excellence which is modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. She also served as a member of the Malcolm Baldrige Award Board of Examiners and the Quality Blue Ribbon Advisory Board of the Illinois Hospital Association. Additionally Sinioris is a professor in the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University, is a Board member of the Illinois Public Health Institute, is a frequent speaker and has authored numerous articles and book chapters on healthcare leadership and quality management. She was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Continuing Education, the American Hospital Association Blue Ribbon Panel on Trustee Competencies, the National Quality Forum Health Care Advisory Committee, the Joint Commission Health Care Professional Education Roundtable, and the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Foundation. Sinioris received her BA from Indiana University, MPH from the University of Illinois and completed graduated studies at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

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The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) is a not-for-profit organization that is an industry catalyst to ensure the availability of accountable and transformational healthcare leadership for the 21st century. Its vision is to optimize the health of the public through leadership and organizational excellence. As an authoritative and objective source on healthcare leadership, NCHL conducts research on global best practices and tests new models for leadership excellence within its Leadership Excellence Networks (LENS). For more information please visit NCHL’s website at www.nchl.org.

