Michael J. Dowling is President and Chief Executive Officer of the North Shore-LIJ Health System, recipient of the National Quality Forum's 2010 National Quality Healthcare Award. It is the largest integrated healthcare system in New York State with total revenue of more than $5.5 billion. The health system consists of 15 hospitals, 17 long-term care facilities, three trauma centers, five home health agencies, and dozens of outpatient and ambulatory facilities throughout the New York metropolitan area. It is the nation’s second-largest, non-profit secular health system with more than 5,600 beds and a total workforce of more than 42,000 employees. In addition to its healthcare services, North Shore-LIJ is partnering with Hofstra University to create a new medical school that will admit its first class in 2011.

Prior to becoming President and CEO in 2002, Mr. Dowling was the health system’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Before joining North Shore-LIJ in 1995, he was a senior vice president at Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Mr. Dowling served in New York State government for 12 years, including seven years as State Director of Health, Education and Human Services and Deputy Secretary to the Governor. He was also Commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services.

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Mr. Dowling has been honored with many awards over the years. They include: The Distinguished Public Service Award from the State University of New York’s Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, an Outstanding Public Service Award from the Mental Health Association of New York State, an Outstanding Public Service Award from the Mental Health Association of Nassau County, the Alfred E. Smith Award from the American Society for Public Administration, the National Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee and the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Mr. Dowling is Chairman of the National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) and the Chairman of the North American Board of the Smurfit School of Business at University College, Dublin, Ireland. He is also Past Chairman of the Greater New York Hospital Association, the Healthcare Association of New York State and the League of Voluntary Hospitals of New York. He serves on numerous other boards, including the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the Holocaust Center of Nassau County.

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