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## News Headlines

### AHI Announces New Board Members



Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) announces the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors. Jeannie Cross (below left), Geoffrey Peck (below center), and Robert Ross (below right) will each serve a three-year term.

A retired health care executive, Cross most recently headed state and federal government relations efforts at Metropolitan Jewish Health System (MJHS), one of New York’s largest and most comprehensive systems of short- and long-term sub-acute and post-acute care services.

Peck serves as the Vice President of Population Health at Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home and Executive Director of the Nathan Littauer Foundation. Working collaboratively with AHI and numerous partner organizations, Peck held a number of roles for the recently-concluded Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program, including serving as the executive lead of the Fulton County Population Health Network (PHN), part of the AHI PPS (Performing Provider System).

Ross has served as the Chief Executive Officer at St. Joseph’s Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers since 2007. In that role, he is responsible for the organization’s overall operation, including strategic planning, policy development, fundraising, public relations, and staff evaluation and development.



In addition, AHI announces current board officers Dan Burke, Chair, Dianne Shugrue, Vice Chair, David Kaiser, Treasurer, and Wouter Rietsema, MD, Secretary, will each serve another year in their present position, while retired health care executive Susan Delehanty will step down at the end of her term.

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## St. Lawrence Health System Becomes St. Lawrence Health

As part of the ongoing evolution of their brand, our partners at St. Lawrence Health System have officially removed the word “System” from their name, to more clearly identify their patient-facing focus on health.

Since establishing a formal affiliation with Rochester Regional Health at the onset of 2021, St. Lawrence Health has continued to assert the mission of improving health and expanding access throughout the North Country. The providers, staff members, and friendly faces their patients have come to know and trust over the years remain at the hospitals and facilities affiliated with Canton-Potsdam, Gouverneur, and Massena Hospitals.

The logo for St. Lawrence Health, featuring the word "HEALTH" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font against a black rectangular background.

[Click here to visit the St. Lawrence Health website.](#)

## Knight Retiring from United Helpers



Congratulations to Stephen E. Knight who is retiring as CEO of United Helpers at the end of this month after a 33-year career with the organization. Steve's tenure has been one of unprecedented growth and change. “The most rewarding thing about working for United Helpers was working for a mission-driven organization. I hope the ten ladies who started the Society of the United Helpers would approve and be proud of our work,” said Steve.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Important Information

### Map Allows Individuals to Search for Nearby HRSA-Funded Primary Care Centers

The Health Resources & Services Association (HRSA) has published a web page, *Find a Health Center*, containing a map that allows individuals to search for HRSA-funded primary health centers, including those that offer telehealth appointments, as well as COVID-19 tests.

[Click here to visit the web](#)

## Events

### Clear the Air: A Conversation About Tobacco Use Taking Place on May 25



The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC)'s Health and Wellness Council invites you to an interactive virtual presentation, *Clear the Air: A Conversation About Tobacco Use*, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 25. Joey Boswell, Community Engagement Specialist, and Merry Rudinger, Reality Check Specialist, from AHI's Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondacks (CASA) program will be talking to participants about the positive impacts associated with adopting tobacco-free work place and outdoor policies. They will explain that by creating a healthy environment for employees, employers may increase business revenue, productivity, improve indoor and outdoor air quality, decrease absenteeism, and lower health care costs. Information will also be shared on local and virtual cessation programs available for current employees and how employers can offer those programs to their staff members. To learn more about the CASA program before the event, visit [www.ahihealth.org/casa](http://www.ahihealth.org/casa), or send an email to [casa@ahihealth.org](mailto:casa@ahihealth.org).

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### Share Your Updates

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