

### **Ted Shaw, Texas Hospital Association President/CEO**

Walter “Ted” Shaw joined the Texas Hospital Association as the organization’s fourth president and chief executive officer in February 2014. Shaw brings expertise forged from a 40-year career in health care leadership to his role as key strategist and spokesperson on behalf of more than 450 THA member hospitals and health systems. As president and CEO of the largest state hospital association in Texas, Shaw is responsible for leading the industry in its advocacy work and positioning Texas hospitals to achieve their missions of delivering the highest quality health care to all Texans.

Prior to joining THA, Shaw served as interim executive vice president and chief financial officer for Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, where he led the development of the Medicaid Transformation Waiver in North Texas and the construction of an 864-bed replacement hospital. From 2004-2011, he was a partner with the Dallas-based Financial Resource Group LLC, a health care consulting firm where he specialized in interim operational turnarounds with facilities across the U.S. Prior to joining FRG, Shaw was president of the health care consulting firm W.T. Shaw Company from 1998-2003.

His legacy for leading impressive turnarounds includes assignments at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, the third largest public health system in the U.S.; East Jefferson General Hospital in Metairie, La., both before and after Hurricane Katrina; Fletcher Allen Health Care in Vermont; and Maricopa Integrated Healthcare System in Phoenix. In addition, he has a strong background in health care technology and insurance, having served as chief operating officer of Health2Health.com, an Internet-based HIPAA solutions company; and with Dallas-based CareSystems Corporation, a workers’ compensation technology support firm.

He began his career with Ernst & Young in San Antonio, Cleveland and Dallas, achieving the role of partner with responsibility for the Southwest Region Healthcare Practice from 1973-1992. Shaw holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration in accounting from The University of Texas at Austin, and is a certified public accountant and a fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

### **Tim Ottinger, Director of Government Relations at Catholic Health Initiatives of Texas**

Tim Ottinger serves as the Division Director of Government Relations for the Texas Division of CommonSpirit Health, the nation’s largest faith-based healthcare system. The Texas division serves a 22,000 square mile area of southeast Texas, including Houston and the Greater Houston area, Bryan/College Station, Lufkin and Lake Jackson communities. Tim has responsibilities for development and implementation of a comprehensive advocacy strategy for the Texas division, including public policy initiatives at the local, state and federal. He serves as public policy expert, advisor and consultant to division senior leadership and is a state-registered lobbyist. A former journalist, Tim has served in a variety of roles as healthcare leader in Texas for more than 30 years. He has a BA in Journalism from Trinity University and an MA in Communications from St. Mary’s University.

### **Freddy Warner, Chief Government Relations Officer at Memorial Hermann Health System**

Freddy Warner joined Memorial Hermann Health System in 2008, and currently serves as Chief Government Relations Officer, responsible for federal, state and local advocacy.

Before joining Memorial Hermann, Warner spent more than twenty years as a senior campaign and policy advisor to members of the Texas Congressional Delegation and Texas State Senate, and the Texas Lieutenant Governor, and as an independent government relations, regulatory and business development consultant, representing a variety of clients before federal, state and local elective and regulatory bodies in Washington, DC, numerous US states, Mexico and Canada.

Warner serves as a member of the boards of directors for the Center for Houston's Future; the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston; and the Health Care Advisory Division of the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas at Arlington.

He holds undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Political Science from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX; and a law degree from South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX. He lives in Houston with his wife, Lara, and his sons, Luke and Jack.

### **Meghan M. Weller, J.D., Director, Government Relations, HCA Healthcare – Texas**

Meghan is responsible for state and local government relations for the four Texas divisions of HCA Healthcare, including 57 hospitals and 29 surgery centers statewide and representing more than 60,000 employees.

Prior to joining HCA, Meghan served as Deputy Budget Director for Texas Governor Greg Abbott in the first year of his administration. She has held a number of positions serving members of the Texas House of Representatives. Meghan's work also includes a former position as the Director of Public Affairs for Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas.

Meghan earned her bachelor of arts in Spanish Literature and her bachelor of science in Applied Learning and Development from the University of Texas at Austin. She holds a juris doctor from Baylor University School of Law.

Meghan currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for Austin Clubhouse, a local non-profit organization providing a community of support for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. She is a graduate of Leadership Austin's 2018 Essentials class, a member of the Austin Opera Guild, a member of the Austin Area Research Organization's 2020 McBee Fellowship Program, and a member of the Texas Wine and Food Foundation. She has two daughters, Larkin (8) and Emily (6).