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CYBERSECURITY, HEALTH CARE POLICY, QUALITY EXCELLENCE FOCUS OF 102ND OHA ANNUAL MEETING – TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE IN OHIO

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Cleveland Clinic President, CEO Dr. Toby Cosgrove to be inducted into OHA Hall of Fame, Ohio Health Care Worker of the Year to be Named

Columbus, Ohio (June 1, 2017) – More than 1,200 Ohio hospital leaders will convene in Columbus June 12-14 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton for the Ohio Hospital Association’s 2017 Annual Meeting and Education Summit featuring keynote presenters Morgan Wright, international expert on cybersecurity, on June 12, and Ben Nemtin, a New York Times bestselling author and cast member of MTV’s “The Buried Life” on June 13.

OHA will recognize 66 Ohio hospital caregivers nominated for the Health Care Worker of the Year Award. OHA also will present three leadership awards and induct two new members of the OHA Hall of Fame.

“For 102 years Ohio’s hospital leaders have gathered annually to share best practices and learn about the most significant changes in health care,” said Mike Abrams, OHA president and CEO. “Hospitals and health care systems in Ohio, and across the nation, are exploring what it means to be a hospital in a rapidly transforming health care environment.”

Open to all OHA member hospitals’ and health systems’ employees, trustees and volunteers, the annual meeting features 70+ professional development sessions, special events (luncheons and keynote presentations), quality summit, and the Association’s annual awards dinner on June 13 featuring keynote speaker Dominique Moceanu, member of the first U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Team to ever win Olympic Gold in 1996.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich (Westerville) and Toby Cosgrove, MD, (Hunting Valley) president and CEO, Cleveland Clinic, will be inducted into OHA’s Hall of Fame. James Pancoast (Kettering), retired president and CEO, Premier Health, will receive OHA’s Donald R. Newkirk Award. Cynthia Moore-Hardy (Painesville), president and CEO, Lake Health, will receive OHA’s James R. Castle Distinguished Service Award. OHA’s Dr. Eli Crew Community Service Excellence Award will be presented to the Walk with a Doc program (Columbus).
This year’s event will feature the following topics, among others:

- Hospitals manage the most personal data of tens of millions of Americans. Headline-making ransomware cases and day-to-day security challenges will be addressed in three Monday sessions. International security expert Morgan Wright, whose landmark Congressional testimony on Healthcare.gov changed how the government collected personal information, will deliver Monday’s keynote address. Sessions will specifically address the new frontier of security for smart medical devices – from pacemakers to insulin pumps along with managing threats with HIPAA implications.

- Hospital employees work in some of the most intense workplaces managing life-and-death situations 24/7/365. Add to that the stress of working in an industry changing at lightning speed – along with the uncertainty proposed federal and state policy upheaval. Tuesday’s keynote speaker Ben Nemtin will inspire attendees to make time for themselves to best serve patients.

- Hospitals are the second-largest commercial consumer of energy. Ninety hospitals in OHA’s Energy and Sustainability program last year saved enough energy to power more than 10,300 Ohio homes. Facility managers from the hospitals with significant energy use reduction will be joined on a panel by the head of the U.S. EPA’s EnergyStar program to share best practices for hospitals. Nine Ohio hospitals will receive the 2017 Melvin Creeley Environmental Leadership Award and University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center (Beachwood) will receive the John Chapman Award for a comprehensive program to reduce the hospital’s ecological footprint during the June13 luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

- Ohio hospitals’ focus on key patient safety and quality issues has driven a 33 percent reduction in 30-day readmissions and saved 1,313 lives in the first 15 months of OHA’s Signs of Sepsis initiative. Tuesday afternoon sessions and Wednesday’s Quality Summit will cover clinical topics as OHA members share what’s working to address the key issues of delirium, sepsis, antibiotic stewardship and multi-drug resistant organisms. OHA’s 10th Annual Quality Summit highlights initiatives of hospitals and health systems during a full day of clinical sessions. Summa Health will receive the Ohio Patient Safety Institute’s Dr. Frank Dono Best Practice Award at 12:45 p.m.

About OHA
Established in 1915, OHA represents 220 hospitals and 13 health systems throughout Ohio that employ 250,000 Ohioans and contribute $27.8 billion to Ohio’s economy along with $3.61 billion in net community benefit. OHA is the nation’s oldest state hospital association and is recognized nationally for its patient safety and health care quality initiatives and environmental sustainability programs. Guided by a mission to collaborate with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio, the work of OHA centers on three strategic initiatives: advocacy, economic sustainability, and patient safety and quality. The association founded the OHA Institute for Health Innovation and OHA Solutions hospital staffing program, and is a co-founder of the Ohio Health Information Partnership and the Ohio Patient Safety Institute.

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