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### ASHHRA Announces Sixth Thought Leader Forum

**CHICAGO – April 2012** – The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA), a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA), in collaboration with TIAA-CREF, a financial services company, recently announced plans to convene its sixth Thought Leader Forum. It is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012, in San Francisco, Calif., during the Health Forum and AHA Leadership Summit.

A select group of thought leaders that include AHA-member CEOs and other health care human resources experts have been invited to participate in a two hour discussion around *Physician Integration*. Establishing a partnership between hospitals and physicians is very important when making decisions in areas such as cost containment, operational efficiencies, and patient care. This Forum will discuss best practices and strategies that have been successful in a variety of health care settings.

“The Thought Leader Forums were derived from the ASHHRA Think Tank and provide a vehicle for ASHHRA to garner the most vital health care issues and trends to help its members become well-equipped to successfully lead their organizations into the future,” said Stephanie Drake, ASHHRA executive director.

Kevin Nazworth, TIAA-CREF Vice President, Healthcare Market stated, “We are pleased to partner with ASHHRA to sponsor this Thought Leader Forum which provides an important platform for healthcare leaders to examine critical issues facing the industry and share successful best practices. At TIAA-CREF, we pride ourselves on our involvement with thought leadership initiatives. We look forward to the expert insights and strategies that will emerge from the upcoming convening on Physician Integration.”

Results of the Thought Leader Forum will be compiled in a summary of findings and photos and shared with the health care enterprise, as well as all AHA-member CEOs and attendees.

### About ASHHRA

Founded in 1964, ASHHRA is a personal membership group of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and has more than 3600 members nationwide. It leads the way for members to become more effective, valued, and credible leaders in health care human resources. As the foremost authority in health care human resources, ASHHRA provides timely and critical support through research, learning and knowledge sharing, professional development, products and resources, and provides opportunities for networking and collaboration. For more information about ASHHRA, visit our website at [www.ashhra.org](http://www.ashhra.org).

### About TIAA-CREF

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