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**ASHHRA Announces Seventh Thought Leader Forum**

**CHICAGO – September 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 seventh Thought Leader Forum (TLF). It is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, in Denver, Colo., during the ASHHRA 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition.

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 ***The Future of the Workforce***. ASHHRA wants to ensure that quality delivery of patient care endures now and in the future. It is intended that the TLF findings will help to inform practices, policies, and care delivery as associated with recruitment, sourcing, retention, retirement of older workers, and onboarding of hospital /health care employees.

“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 said, “We are pleased to partner with ASHHRA to sponsor the second ASHHRA Thought Leader Forum of this year, which provides an important platform for health care leaders to examine critical issues facing the industry and share successful best practices. We look forward to the expert insights and strategies that will emerge from the upcoming discussion on The Future of the Workforce.”

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 3,600 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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