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**ASHHRA Announces Tenth Thought Leader Forum**

**CHICAGO – June 2014** – The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA), a Personal Membership Group (PMG) of the American Hospital Association (AHA), in collaboration with TIAA-CREF, a financial services company and long-standing partner of ASHHRA, plans to convene its tenth Thought Leader Forum (TLF). It is scheduled for Sunday, July 20, 2014, in San Diego during the AHA Health Forum Leadership Summit.

Female executives in health care human resources and similar fields have been invited to participate in a two-hour discussion on the topic, ***Meet Your Future Leader: Engaging and Empowering Women to Achieve Success in Health Care***. The distinguished thought leaders will explore why women are under-represented in health care leadership roles and the challenges they face. Discussion topics will include the barriers to success and how hospitals and health care systems can ensure more women fill C-suite positions. In addition, the forum will address what resources should be available to help more female health care workers advance in their careers.

“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 Matt Fenwick, PMG senior executive director, providing management oversight of ASHHRA.

Kevin Nazworth, TIAA-CREF senior vice president, health care market said, “We are pleased to continue our partnership with ASHHRA on this very important Thought Leader Forum series, 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 thought-provoking opinions, best practices, strategies and experiences that will emerge from the upcoming discussion on the future of women in health care.”

Results of the Thought Leader Forum will be compiled into a summary of findings and shared with ASHHRA members and the rest of the health care enterprise, including AHA-member CEOs.

**About ASHHRA**

Founded in 1964, ASHHRA is a Personal Membership Group (PMG) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and has more than 3,400 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, certification, 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**

TIAA-CREF ([www.tiaa-cref.org](http://www.tiaa-cref.org)) is a national financial services organization with \$569 billion in combined assets under management (as of March 31, 2014) and is the leading provider of retirement services in the academic, research medical and cultural fields.

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