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AHE Past President Appointed Director of the VA Palo Alto Health System

Chicago, August 4, 2017 - The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) is proud to announce past President Thomas (Tony) Fitzgerald, CHESP was sworn in as the Director of the VA Palo Alto Health System (VAPAHCS). As Director, he will oversee delivery of health care to more than 93,000 Veterans spanning 11 congressional districts and 10 counties in northern California. VAPAHCS has an operating budget of \$1.1 billion, over 7,000 employees and volunteers and is one of the most complex facilities in the VA system.

Fitzgerald began his VA career in 1988 as a Psychiatric Nursing Assistant at the North Chicago VA, moving on to a po0.001 Tw 3.572 0.277 0 Td [(Tag)-6.4 n (a p)-12. ig0.277 0 .d.1 (A)2.3 (s)-8 (s) (i) (a p)-1A8Pe ig0.277N s

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