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Suburban Hospital Alliance Announces Senior Staff Changes

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Hauppauge, NY (March 17, 2021) The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State (SHANYS) announces three senior staff promotions. The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) are part of the Suburban Hospital Alliance, which advocates for hospital members in both the Long Island and Hudson Valley regions.

Stacy Villagran is now Chief Operating Officer. She was promoted from her position as Senior Director of Health Insurance Programs. She now has primary responsibility for managing the operations of the associations and is taking on a broader role in the Suburban Hospital Alliance's policy and advocacy activities. She retains an oversight role of the NSHC health insurance grant programs. Villagran is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and holds a Master's Degree in Social Policy from SUNY Empire State College.

Janine Logan is now Vice President, Communications and Population Health. She was promoted from her position as Senior Director, Communications and Population Health. In addition to leading a vigorous media and public communications effort, she will play a larger role in marketing the associations' for-profit engagements. She continues to oversee the NSHC's population/community health initiatives, as well, including directing the Long Island Health Collaborative. Logan is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America and holds a Master's Degree in Health Communications from Boston University.

Kate MCale is now Senior Director of Policy and Member Services. She was promoted from her position as Director of Quality and Member Services. She will expand upon her work with the organization's peer committees, which serve as a forum for policy updates and a sharing of best practices among hospital leadership and staff. She will also continue her work with members directly on facility-specific policy and regulatory research requests. McCale holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from Drexel University.

"These promotions bolster the associations' operations, advocacy, and communications efforts to ensure our associations are best positioned to advance the priorities of our member hospitals and meet the education needs of hospital staff," said Wendy Darwell, president/CEO of the Suburban Hospital Alliance, NSHC and NorMet.

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About the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State

The Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State advocates on behalf of hospitals in the Hudson Valley and Long Island regions. It engages key lawmakers and regulatory decision-makers in Albany and Washington to ensure reasonable and rational health care policy prevails.

About the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC)



The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals on Long Island. It works in conjunction with the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NSHC serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals on Long Island.

About the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet)



The Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association represents the not-for-profit and public hospitals in the Hudson Valley region. It works in conjunction with the Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State to advance legislative and regulatory priorities. NorMet serves as the local and collective voice of hospitals in the Hudson Valley.