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**ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE WELCOMES  
THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**St. Louis, Missouri, January 7, 2008** – The Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI) is pleased to announce these newly elected members to its board of directors:

**CJ Hutto**, RN, MHA, CPON has been a registered nurse for over 24 years working primarily in the field of pediatric hematology/oncology. He served as the national president for The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses from 2001-2003. Over the past 15 years he has served in a variety of healthcare leadership roles in not-for-profit hospital-based systems in Atlanta, Dallas, and Kansas City. He currently serves as the Senior Director of Allied Health and Support Services for Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City, Missouri. His areas of oversight includes Pharmacy, Respiratory Therapy, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Hearing and Speech, Home Care, Nutrition/Lactation, Biomedical/Clinical Engineering, and The Pediatric Advanced Comfort Care Team, a unique pediatric palliative care program.

**Oliver Borden**, MS, MT (ASCP) currently serves as the Dean of School of Health Sciences, at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico. As the first Dean at San Juan, he successfully completed research and application for four new Allied Health Programs and has been instrumental in advocating for, designing and acquiring funding for a new Allied Health Simulation Center. Prior to joining San Juan College he served as the Division Chair/Dean of Allied Health South Arkansas Community College where he was instrumental in growing the Allied Health programs and establishing clinical sites throughout a two state area. Oliver served as an officer in the United States Navy. He retired June 20, 1993, after twenty years of service.

**E. Andrew Balas, M.D., Ph.D.** currently serves as the Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Professor of Community Health at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. His areas of expertise include strategic leadership for organizational advancement to achieve national impact, development of policy priorities for the production of new scientific knowledge responsive to societal needs, and application of advanced information technologies for transferring research to practice. He is member of the Board of Directors in the Friends of the National Library of Medicine, Virginia Business Coalition on Health, American Red Cross of Southeastern Virginia and the Leadership Council of the eHealth Initiative. He is an elected member of the American College of Medical Informatics and the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. As a Congressional Fellow, Andrew Balas worked on health care legislation for the Public Health and Safety Subcommittee of the United States Senate.

All board members of the Allied Health Research Institute serve as volunteers, and we are delighted to have their collective energy and expertise.

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**About Allied Health Research Institute**

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, the AHRI is an academic and industry partnership vested with increasing the number of qualified allied health professionals and developing better, more efficient models of care.

The principal objectives of AHRI include:

- Create a central data repository to collect and analyze clinical outcomes for the purpose of establishing industry and academic-supported, evidence-based practice patterns
- Promote awareness and advocacy of public and private sector policies that support growth and more efficient, effective and higher quality standards of care
- Advance education and training to better integrate curriculum and accreditation requirements with the needs of patients and employers

The Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI) is a non-profit organization. For more information visit: [www.theahri.org](http://www.theahri.org).