

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Kaleida Health Active, Associate and Advanced Practice Providers on the

Medical/Dental Staff

FROM: George Matthews, MD

President, Medical/Dental Staff

**SUBJECT: 2016 Medical Executive Committee Nominations – Biographical Information** 

## **SECRETARY**

#### K. KENT CHEVLI, MD

Dr. Kent Chevli has been a private practice physician at Western New York Urology Associates, LLC since 1994. He currently serves as president of Western New York Urology Associates and Cancer Care of Western New York and is leading the initiative to expand oncologic services for Kaleida Health. After graduating with honors at Washington University and St. Louis University School of Medicine, he completed an internship in general surgery and a urologic residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He is the medical director of Urology at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and a past board member of Erie County Medical Center. Dr. Chevli serves as the adjunct professor of Oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and clinical associate professor of Urology with the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Chevli leads several collaborative oncologic research projects with organizations including the University at Buffalo, Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve and Roswell Park Cancer Institute. As an American Board of Urology certified physician and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Chevli contributes his time to many professional organizations and committees including vice chair of the Kaleida Health Credentialing Committee, Physician Steering Committee Chairperson of the Kaleida Health Physician Incentive Program, American Medical Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists, American Urological Association (AUA) including the Northeastern Section of the AUA and the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons.

## **JOHN PASTORE, MD**

Dr. Pastore completed his residency in General Pediatrics at the University at Buffalo in 1998. He is board certified in General Pediatrics and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the subdivision of Pediatric Hospital Medicine. Dr. Pastore practiced primary care pediatrics in private practice for six years in Virginia, Massachusetts, and Long Island, New York. He became interested in healthcare leadership while working as pediatric medical director for Primary Care, LLC and working on community health and insurance administration in Massachusetts in 2000. Dr. Pastore returned to Buffalo as a member of the Kaleida Health medical staff in 2004. He joined the Department of Pediatrics as a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. He has been the medical director of the Pediatric Hospitalist Service at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo for the past eight years. Dr. Pastore is the vice president of the Board of Directors for University Pediatric Associates/UBMD Pediatrics. He has participated as an associate member of the Faculty Practice Management Plan for the University at Buffalo and has been a member of the Kaleida Health Medical Executive Committee for the past two years.

### NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - VOTE FOR NINE

#### **OMAR AL-IBRAHIM, MD**

Dr. Al-Ibrahim joined the Department of Pediatrics at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB) in 2006 after graduating from the pediatric critical care fellowship program at WCHOB. Dr Al-Ibrahim completed his residency program and a year as chief resident at St. Joseph's Children Hospital in New Jersey in 2002. Having been an attending physician in both the Emergency Department and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Dr. Al-Ibrahim has comprehensive knowledge of high acuity pediatric care. He is a strong clinician who has definite avocation for administration with a patientcentered approach. He was appointed chief of the Division of Pediatric Intensive Care and Medical Director of the PICU in June 2014 and is an assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Al-Ibrahim is the medical director of the Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program in the Division of Pediatric Critical Care/Department of Pediatrics since 2009. He established the Apheresis program at WCHOB in 2009. Under his leadership, the PICU has undergone revitalization and process improvement. Dr Al-Ibrahim is a consummate teacher for students, residents and PICU trainees and is the director of the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship program. Dr. Al-Ibrahim is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also a member at the American Medical Association, the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO), where he serves as a member of the Anti-Coagulation Task Force. He is a member of the Program Quality Review Subcommittee (PQRS) committee at the University at Buffalo (UB) GME office and a member of the UB Faculty Senate.

#### FRED D. ARCHER III, MD

Dr. Archer has been a full-time attending physician at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo and clinical assistant professor in General Pediatrics since 2007. A long-time Buffalo resident, he completed his undergraduate education at Cornell University in 1994 and received a Master's of Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1997 as an NSF Fellow. He graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 2001 and returned home to Buffalo to complete his pediatric residency in 2004 at the Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo. Following residency, he did a brief NRSA fellowship with a focus on pediatric obesity, which he has a vested interest in and continues to be a routine part of his clinical practice as well as research collaborations with colleagues. In addition to his clinical and teaching duties as an attending physician, Dr. Archer has been intimately involved with the launch, implementation and ongoing upgrades and improvements of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) implemented throughout the Kaleida Health. He has been involved in template design and review, troubleshooting, and updates since the initial background work in 2007 and has been the Pediatric group, "Super User," since the initial go-live in December 2009. Dr. Archer has also been part of the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) workgroups that helped the ambulatory clinics receive PCMH accreditation. He continues to actively serve on the EHR Ambulatory Core Committee, and has recently joined the EMR Core Steering Committee. Dr. Archer is an American Board of Pediatrics certified physician and is currently a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Buffalo Pediatric Society. He also serves on the Board of the SENSES Foundation, a local program that focuses on improving social and educational opportunities for at risk youth.

### JAMES ARMSTRONG, MD

Dr. Armstrong joined the Department of Anesthesia at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo in 1997.

#### CHRIS BARTOLONE, MD

Dr. Bartolone is a co-founding partner of Gastroenterology Associates, LLP. He serves as a managing partner and medical director of the Endoscopy Center of Western New York. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Canisius College and the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Bartolone completed a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago Section of Digestive and Liver Disease. Dr. Bartolone is board certified in Gastroenterology, and is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Gastroenterological Association. He has served as president of the GI Liver Society of Western New York. Dr. Bartolone holds appointments at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital and Mount St. Mary's Hospital.

### MICHAEL BECKWITH, MD

Dr. Beckwith has been a member of the OB/GYN team at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB) since 2013. He serves as the lead physician at Lancaster OB/GYN and cares for patients as a laborist and hospitalist at WCHOB. In addition, Dr. Beckwith works in collaboration with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center to provide obstetric service in the Niagara Falls region. He is a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Beckwith teaches the obstetrics and high risk obstetrics curriculum for the Physician Assistant Didactic Program at D'Youville College. He is a mentor for physician assistant and nurse practitioner students. Dr. Beckwith obtained his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from D'Youville College's Physician Assistant Program. He was a physician assistant at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for several years. Dr. Beckwith then attended American University of Antigua College of Medicine and the Emory University-Atlanta Area Health Education Consortium program graduating magna cum laude. Dr. Beckwith started his residency at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Connecticut-Yale University Obstetrics and Gynecology residency program. While in that program, he received the Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Award. This award is representative of Dr. Beckwith's commitment to caring for his patients and improving patient satisfaction. Dr. Beckwith completed his residency training at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences where he was a Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee. Dr. Beckwith is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Buffalo Gynecology and Obstetrics Society, and the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Gynecologic Laparoscopists.

### VINCENT CALLANAN, MD, FRCS, FRCSI (ENT), FRCS (ORL-HNS)

Dr. Callanan joined Kaleida Health in 2001 to take a fellowship position in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB). Upon completion of this program in 2003, he moved to Philadelphia to join Temple University's Department of Otolaryngology as an assistant professor. Dr. Callanan returned to WCHOB in 2009 as the medical director of the Pediatric Otolaryngology Center at WCHOB. Dr. Callanan graduated from University College Cork, a constituent college of the National University of Ireland in 1987. Dr. Callanan completed his residency and otolaryngology surgery training at Guy's, Kings, and St. Thomas' Hospitals in London, England in 2001. Dr. Callanan is board certified by three Otolaryngology Surgery Boards. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in London, England and a fellow of the Intercollegiate Board in Otolaryngology of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Dr Callanan is in process of completing his MBA at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. He is a member of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Societies. Dr. Callanan has served as a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of WCHOB and presently serves on the Peer Review Committee of Kaleida Health.

### DAVID CARLSON, JR, MD

Dr. Carlson is in the Department of Internal Medicine and is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease.

### CHRISTOPHER DELINE, MD

Dr. Deline joined UBMD Neurology in 2013 after completing his Neurology residency and Vascular Neurology fellowship training at Washington University in St. Louis. He is an American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology certified vascular neurologist and is a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo where he is comprehensively involved with the Neurology residency and Vascular Neurology fellowship programs. Dr. Deline also lectures and teaches medical students on their clinical rotations. He is a sub-investigator for several clinical trials within the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery. Dr. Deline has served as a member of the Quality, Safety and Patient Experience Committee for UBMD. He is an active member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association and the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation.

## GREG DIFRANCESCO, MD

Dr. DiFrancesco, a native of Rochester, graduated from Penfield High School in 1988. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University at Buffalo (UB) in 1993 and received his medical degree from the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 1997. Dr. DiFrancesco graduated from the UB Emergency Medicine Residency program in 2000 and is an American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) certified emergency physician. Dr. DiFrancesco co-founded FDR Medical Services, PC in 1999. FDR Medical Services provides professional staffing for the emergency departments at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital and United Memorial Medical Center. In 2009, Dr. DiFrancesco co-founded AccelCare, an urgent care practice with locations in Rochester and Buffalo. He has served as president and CEO of both corporations since their inception. Dr. DiFrancesco practices at Millard Fillmore Suburban and DeGraff Memorial Hospitals' Emergency Departments. He is a clinical assistant professor of Emergency Medicine and mentors second year emergency medicine residents at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. He has been a member of Kaleida Health's STEMI committee since 2012.

### RICHARD N. GILBERT, MD (Second Term)

Dr. Gilbert joined Western New York Urology Associates in 1998 after graduating magna cum laude from Canisius College and the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Gilbert completed his residency and urologic training at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, D.C. He is a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and is comprehensively involved with the Urologic and Oncologic Residency Program. Dr. Gilbert has served as a member of the RUC Committee on Physician Payment Updates (an AMA sponsored multi-specialty committee) and the Coding Reimbursement Committee of the AUA. Dr. Gilbert is certified in daVinci robotics and has specialty training in sexual dysfunction, prostate cancer, female urology and laparoscopic surgery. As an American Board of Urology certified physician, Dr. Gilbert is currently a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Urological Association including the Northeastern Section, the American Association of Clinical Urologists, the New York State Medical Society and the New York State Urological Society. Dr. Gilbert serves on the Medical Executive Board, the Perioperative Analysis Team and the OR Governance Committee at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital.

#### FREDERICK HONG, MD

Dr. Hong joined the Department of Internal Medicine in 1991. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology and Medical Oncology and works for CCS Oncology. Dr. Hong treats all types of solid tumors and hematological malignancies.

## ARMEN KIRAKOSYAN, MD, FACOG, FPMRS, FRCSC, FACS

Dr. Kirakosyan graduated from Crimean Medical University and completed his OB/GYN residency in the Ukraine. After moving to the United States and passing USMLE exams, he became certified by ECFMG and completed OB/GYN residency at Synergy Medical Alliance (Michigan State University) at Saginaw, Michigan. In his last year of residency, he served as administrative chief resident. After residency, Dr. Kirakosyan joined private practice at McLaren OB/GYN Associates, Flint, Michigan, and over three years, helped to develop strong minimally invasive gynecologic surgical program. Dr. Kirakosyan moved to Buffalo because of family ties and joined General Physician, PC in 2013. He is a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and is comprehensively involved with the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program teaching as a private faculty. In January 2015, Dr. Kirakosyan accepted the position of medical director of Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Buffalo General Medical Center and is actively involved in developing gynecologic services at Buffalo General Medical Center. Dr. Kirakosyan is certified by American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American College of Surgeons and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Recently, Dr. Kirakosyan became board certified in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (formerly Urogynecology). Dr. Kirakosyan's special interests include: advanced laparoscopy, single port laparoscopic surgery, robotic surgery, pelvic organ prolapse and female incontinence treatment. Dr. Kirakosyan is a member of the American College of OB/GYN, American College of Surgeons, the American Urogynecologic Society, International Urogynecological Association, American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, New York State Medical Society, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

## JODY LEONARDO, MD (Second Term)

Dr. Leonardo is a neurosurgeon with University at Buffalo Neurosurgery and cares for patients with disorders of the spine and brain, specializing in minimally invasive treatment of hydrocephalus and skull base tumors. Dr. Leonardo graduated summa cum laude from Duquesne University. During her general surgery intern year at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, she received the Golden Apple Award for resident excellence in medical student teaching, the Bronze Torch Award and the WOW Award for excellence in patient care. Dr. Leonardo completed her neurosurgical residency training at the University at Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences where she was granted the UB Resident Award. Dr. Leonardo specializes in performing minimally invasive endoscopic surgery on intracranial pathology, specifically pituitary and intraventricular tumor resections and hydrocephalus. By introducing the endoscope through small incisions, diagnosis, as well as treatment of these lesions, can be performed safely and effectively while decreasing patient discomfort resulting in decreased length of stays.

## JOANNE MASSUCCI, MD (Second Term)

Dr. Massucci graduated from St. Joseph's College summa cum laude and attended the University at Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She completed residency in Anesthesia in the UB program and joined Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists, PC in 1990. Since that time, she has worked providing anesthesia, with a large percentage of her practice devoted to cardiac anesthesia. She is the coordinator of Human Resources for Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists, PC, CRNA liaison and the current secretary of the corporation. She has worked for 24 years teaching UB anesthesia residents and the cardiac anesthesia fellows, a part of her practice she finds truly rewarding.

## LUCY MASTRANDREA, MD

Dr. Mastrandrea joined the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology in 2005. After obtaining a degree in Biochemistry from Manhattan College, she graduated from the University at Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences with a medical degree and a PhD in Biochemistry. She completed her residency training in pediatrics and pediatric endocrinology at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB). Following her training, Dr. Mastrandrea joined WCHOB as an attending endocrinologist and

UB as a faculty member. Dr. Mastrandrea is an associate professor of Pediatrics at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology. She is a strong clinician, caring for children in Western New York who have diabetes and endocrine disorders while acting as a teacher for students, residents and fellows and a researcher. Always involved in process improvement, Dr. Mastrandrea has a defined interest in administration and serves as associate division chief of Pediatric Endocrinology WCHOB. She will champion the transition of the Endocrine/Diabetes team to their new home within the Conventus Medical Office Building and the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. Dr. Mastrandrea contributes to the medical and research community of UB and Kaleida Health by serving on the Institutional Review Board and the Radiation Protection Services Committee. Finally, Dr. Mastrandrea plays an active role in the Western New York community by participating as a WNY Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation research information volunteer and as a member of the American Diabetes Association Diabetes Camp Medical Advisory Board.

#### MICHAEL MINEO, MD

Dr. Mineo is an emergency medicine physician treating patients within the Kaleida Health system since 2007. Born and raised in Western New York, Dr. Mineo completed his undergraduate education at Canisius College and received his medical degree at the University at Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Residency trained in emergency medicine at the UB affiliated emergency medicine program, he served as chief resident in 2006-2007. Dr. Mineo joined FDR Medical Services, PC after residency, working at DeGraff Memorial Hospital and several other emergency departments. He was named medical director of DeGraff's Emergency Department in 2008 and later became the medical director of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital's Emergency Department. He is a managing partner with FDR Medical Services, secretary of its board of directors, and an assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Mineo is helping guide the transition of FDR Medical Services into the community division of UBMD Emergency Medicine. Dr. Mineo's administrative focus has been on efficient resource utilization and enhancing the patient experience. In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Mineo works clinically in the emergency departments at DeGraff Memorial Hospital and Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. He is a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

#### **MOLLY MOORE, MD**

Dr. Moore joined the medical staff of Kaleida Health in 2013 after completing a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). During her time at MGH, she completed a Burn Surgery and Reconstruction fellowship. She attended University at Buffalo and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Biomedical Science in 2002. She graduated Alpha Omega Alpha from the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2006. Dr. Moore remained in Buffalo and completed her general surgery residency in 2011. She is a clinical assistant professor at Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and is involved with the General Surgery Residency Program. Dr. Moore is an acute care surgeon and an intensivist in the surgical ICU at Kaleida Health. She is certified in both General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care by the American Board of Surgery. She is a member of American Medical Women's Association, the American Burn Association and the New York State Medical Society.

#### MICHELLE PENQUE, MD

Dr. Penque is an American Board of Pediatrics certified physician who completed her pediatric residency training at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB) after graduating summa cum laude from Canisius College and completing her medical training at the University Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is a clinical assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo with UBMD Pediatrics. Dr. Penque has been an attending physician in the Emergency Department at WCHOB for the past 18 years and participates in

clinical care of patients and the training of residents and fellows. She is the director of Quality and Patient Safety for the Pediatric Emergency Department, director of Quality Improvement for the Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship, and a member of the Clinical Competency Committee for the PEM fellowship. Dr. Penque serves on the Quality Care Committee for the Department of Pediatrics and the Strategic Planning Core Group. She is involved in the Severe Sepsis QA Committee, the High Flow Nasal Cannula Initiation Committee and the Kaleida Health ED activation team for the relocation to the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. Dr. Penque has served on many other committees in her career. She is involved in two research projects in the Emergency Department (comparing one versus two doses of dexamethasone in the treatment of asthma and looking at the effects of fluid boluses on children with respiratory distress) and has been involved in several other research projects with the PEM fellows. She is an interviewer and on the selection committee for candidates of both the Pediatric residency program and the Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship program. Dr.Penque has received several awards including the Outstanding House Officer Award, the Resident Teaching Award for Pediatrics and the Frederick B. Wilkes Award for Pediatrics.

### **ALAN POSNER, MD**

Dr. Posner completed his five year surgical residency at the University at Buffalo (UB) in 1993. He began his surgical career as a trauma surgeon at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC). In 1996, he took a one year hiatus to complete a fellowship in laparoscopic/minimally invasive surgery at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan. Upon his return, he built a minimally invasive practice at ECMC. Dr. Posner pioneered the laparoscopic donor nephrectomy at ECMC and was intimately involved in helping transition many urologists to laparoscopic surgery. In 2003, he began performing bariatric surgery for morbid obesity. The following year, Dr. Posner transitioned over to Buffalo General Medical Center to build a Center of Excellence in bariatric surgery. The Kaleida Health weight loss program has been a certified national Center of Excellence since 2007. Dr Posner is a clinical assistant professor of Surgery at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and is comprehensively involved with the General Surgical Residency Program. He retains an appointment in the Department of Urology. He is the surgical director of bariatric surgery at Buffalo General Medical Center, chairs the QA committee for bariatric surgery, has served on the OR Executive Committee and on the Physician Leadership Committee. For the University, Dr. Posner has served as a member of the UB Faculty Senate and as treasurer of the University at Buffalo Surgeons practice plan. In the Buffalo Surgical community, he has been president of the Buffalo Surgical Society and president of the Western New York chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Posner is board certified in Surgery, specializing in minimally invasive bariatric surgery. Dr. Posner's focus is resident training in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and in quality improvement.

#### ANN MARIE REYNOLDS, MD

Dr. Reynolds joined UBMD Pediatrics in 2004. She is a Buffalo native and is happy to be home sharing her talents to help improve health care for the children and families of Western New York. After graduating cum laude from St. Lawrence University (a liberal arts college in northern New York) she attended medical school at the University at Buffalo (UB) School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and then completed Pediatric Residency and Neonatology fellowship at UB. Dr. Reynolds is an assistant professor at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo and actively involved with the Pediatric Residency Program and the Neonatology Fellowship Program in curriculum development, evaluation and recruiting. Dr. Reynolds is site PI for multiple NIH-sponsored grants related to neonatal research. As an American Academy of Pediatrics certified neonatologist, Dr. Reynolds is a member of the AAP, New York Chapter and the Buffalo Pediatric Society. She has been medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo (WCHOB) for the last two years. During this time, CLABSI infection rates have been reduced from 2.09 in 2013 to 0.26 in 2015. Her success in leading this initiative is attributed to a multidisciplinary approach,

strong leadership and collaboration with key stakeholders. Dr. Reynolds is involved in the Women's Services Quality Council and the Quality and Patient Safety Council at WCHOB.

## ANDREW SYMONS, MD, MS (Second Term)

Dr. Symons is a family physician practicing at UB Family Medicine on Sheridan Drive in Tonawanda, New York. He serves on the board of the NYS Academy of Family Physicians and on the board of the Erie County chapter of the organization. In his academic role, he serves as the vice chair for Medical Student Education for the Department of Family Medicine at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Symons serves a leadership role in the New York State and Western New York family physician community and can be an effective liaison between Kaleida Health and the family physicians of our state. Dr. Symons looks forward to increasing his involvement with Kaleida Health through continued participation in the Medical Executive Committee.