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**Dimensions Healthcare System Chief Clinical and Chief Operating Officer  
will Serve as a Panelist at the Academy of Medicine Care Culture and  
Decision-making Innovation Collaborative Meeting**

Cheverly, MD— (December, 6, 2016) - Sherry Perkins, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, executive vice president and chief operating officer, will serve as one of five panelists at the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) Care Culture and Decision-Making Innovation Collaborative meeting at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. The meeting, to be held tomorrow, December 7, 2016, will focus on ways in which patient and family leaders and health system executives can use care culture to improve health outcomes and explore opportunities to advance the evidence base for patient- and family-engaged care.

As a seasoned health executive with vast experience in this area, Dr. Perkins will provide a clinical perspective and provide feedback for how she feels evidence-based culture provides a framework to enhance patient- and family-engaged care. She is a member of a reactor panel that will discuss the forthcoming NAM Perspectives discussion paper titled "Harnessing Evidence and Experience to Change Culture: A Guiding Framework for Patient- and Family-Engaged Care."

Due to her extensive and impressive experience in the healthcare industry, Dr. Perkins is a sought after speaker and belongs to numerous professional organizations, such as both the American and Maryland Nurse Associations, the American College of Healthcare Executives and both the American and Maryland Organization of Nurse Executives.

**About Dimensions Healthcare System**

Created in 1982, Dimensions Healthcare System is an integrated, not-for-profit, community-owned organization providing comprehensive, quality healthcare services to the residents of Prince George's County, Maryland and surrounding areas. The facilities that comprise Dimensions Healthcare System include: Bowie Health Center Campus, Family Health and Wellness Center, Laurel Regional Hospital, Prince George's Hospital Center and the Rachel H. Pemberton Senior Health Center. Dimensions Healthcare System is the largest provider of healthcare services headquartered in Prince George's County, Maryland, caring for more than 150,000 patients each year. Both hospitals within Dimensions Healthcare System have been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information about Dimensions Healthcare System, visit [www.dimensionshealth.org](http://www.dimensionshealth.org).