EXHIBIT III-A VIRGINIA HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION PROPOSED CEO SUCCESSION PLAN November 2008

- I. Board and CEO Agree on a Retirement Date.
- II. Board Appoints a Succession Committee (SC), which is often the Executive Committee.
- III. Succession Committee Identifies a Facilitator to Assist in the Development and Implementation of the Succession Plan.
- IV. Succession Committee Coordinates a Board Planning Session.
 - A. Board Contemplates a Five to Ten Year Vision with General Strategies.
 - 1. Develop Current and Future Major Functions and Objectives of VHHA and through discussions with:
 - Executive Committee and Key Board Members
 - VHHA President and Senior Vice Presidents
 - Other Association CEOs
 - Some Major Hospital CEOs Not on the VHHA Board
 - 2. Identify the Strengths and Weaknesses of the VHHA Organization.
 - 3. Determine other State Hospital Association Strengths to incorporate into VHHA.
 - 4. Identify what the American Hospital Association (AHA) would like to see develop in VHHA.
 - B. Seek Current VHHA CEO Input Regarding his Long-Term Strategic Perspective.
 - C. Discuss New CEO Recruitment Options.
 - 1. Internal candidate, but not predetermined; intent is to also recruit outside.
 - 2. Develop general Course of Action to recruit outside.

D. Decide whether or not the New CEO should overlap the Term of the existing CEO.

V. Succession Committee Selects a Search Consultant.

- A. SC and Consultant Modify CEO Job Description as appropriate based upon New Strategic Vision and CEO Updated Duties and Responsibilities.
- B. SC Modifies or Confirms the Organizational Structures, based upon the Strategic Vision.
- C. SC and Consultant Establish Search Criteria.
 - 1. How Much Emphasis should be placed upon the Following Background and Experiences?
 - Hospital CEO or COO
 - Association Executive
 - Corporate Business Experience or Thinking
 - 'For Profit' or 'Not for Profit' Organization
 - Political Sensitivity Training/Experience
 - Advocacy/Lobbyist Experience or Exposure
 - Professional and Personal Skills.
 - 3. Experience Requirements.
 - Other Criteria.
- D. Outline Compensation Criteria to include Base Salary, Performance Incentives, Deferred Compensation and Benefits.
- E. Develop a Search Process Scheduled Time Table.
- F. Review and Confirm all of the Above Criteria with VHHA Board.

VI. Search Process Begins.

- A. Obtain Potential Candidates from within VHHA and throughout the Country.
- B. Narrow Candidates to 'X'.
- C. Interview 'Y' Candidates.

VII. SC Makes Selection in Rank Order and Recommends to the Board.