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As the world anticipated the rollover to the year 2000 and the monumental significance and potential impact it

could have on the world economy, telecommunications, and delivery of health services and supplies, CHA was steadfast in leading the way for the state's hospitals in Y2K

preparedness. The world rang in the new century with a sigh of relief and newfound confidence while at the same time marked the end of a remarkable era of advancement in

healthcare. In a matter of 100 years, we've witnessed human life expectancy more than double, developed vaccines and medical equipment that have eradicated

once fatal diseases and have applied web-based technology in positive ways to bring resources on prevention and wellness to every corner of the world.

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medical miracles and challenges. The year 2000 also marked a more personal end of an era for the Connecticut Hospital Association.

announced his retirement after 38 years with the organization. As CHA's fourth president in its 82-year history, Dennis has grown the Association, its scope, effectiveness,

and reputation through his sense of innovation, vision, and leadership. CHA, one of the largest and most diversified hospital associations nationwide, has multiple affiliate

organizations including a research and education foundation, several information technology companies, a shared services affiliate and insurance entities. CHA and

Affiliates' Wallingford headquarters houses a diverse staff and a full service conference center which served as host to 1,700 membership meetings over the past year.

A's CHA forges ahead into a future filled with the promises of e-healthcare, biotechnological breakthroughs,

genetic bioengineering, and the expanding world of pharmaceuticals, hospitals are also faced with the reality of declining reimbursement, an aging and

medically needy population, and a shrinking qualified workforce. CHA's board and staff have already begun to address these challenges and raise the Association's

effectiveness to a higher level. Under the aggressive, member-focused leadership of incoming president, Jennifer Jackson, CHA will build upon the solid foundation

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1910 - Saint Raphael's Hospital acquires its first motorized ambulance.



1916 - Saint Raphael's Hospital acquires its first motorized ambulance.



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of CHA, December 5, 1925



The first stainless steel stands used at New Haven Hospital, 1935. Items in photo were still in use through the 1960s. They took the place of white enamel stands which had to be replaced every three months.

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From Left: Dick Denton, President, American Hospital Association; Dennis P. May, President, CHA; Edward S. Sawicki, M.D., Immediate Past Chairman, CHA; and John H. Libon, Chairman, CHA



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The main ward of Bealport Hospital around 1910. The delivery of hospital care at this time was about 50%.



The original Saint Francis Hospital building on the corner of Woodland and Collins Street, opened as a 72-bed institution in 1897. The newer building (attached at right) was later opened in 1907.



New Haven Hospital, late 1930s.

A New Century - An End of An Era for CHA.