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## **St. James Mercy Hospital Elects 2016 Board of Directors**

**February 26, 2016...Hornell, NY** – Earlier this year, St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) elected its 2016 Board of Directors, comprising experts in healthcare, education, finance, business and government. **John Weyand** continues his two-year term as chairman of the board. **Susan Gray, PhD**, serves as vice chair; **Mayor Shawn Hogan**, secretary; and **Peter Wall**, treasurer. **Ismail Mehr, MD**, and **Jennifer Sullivan**, president and CEO of the hospital, retain their seats. New members include **Spencer Annabel, MD**, and **Brian Schu**.

“We are so thankful for the time and effort of the SJMH board of directors, as they fulfill their governance role for the hospital,” said Sullivan. “We also want to thank **Phil Loree, Robert Donius, Dr. Rhonda Peterson, Dr. Adrian Ashdown, Sister Mary Fran Wegman, and Maninder Virdee** for their service, as their terms ended at the end of 2015.”

The current board of directors will serve until December 31.



*The SJMH Board of Directors assembles for one of its monthly meetings. Seated L-R: Shawn Hogan; Susan Gray, PhD; John Weyand; Pete Wall. Standing L-R: Spencer Annabel, MD; Jennifer Sullivan; Ismail Mehr, MD; Brian Schu. Photo credit: St. James Mercy Hospital.*

***About St. James Mercy Hospital** - Founded in 1890, St. James Mercy Hospital provides compassionate, quality care for the residents of Hornell, NY and the surrounding communities. The hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, express care, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation; physical and speech therapy and orthopedics. For more information, visit [www.stjamesmercy.org](http://www.stjamesmercy.org).*

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