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**Michael M. Dudley, CEO, Optima Health, Honored for Year of Service  
by Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce**

*Virginia Beach, VA – December 12, 2014 - [Optima Health](#) President and CEO, Michael M. Dudley, has served as the Chair of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce for the past year. Yesterday Dudley was honored for his many contributions as Chair at the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting of the Membership.*

Bryan K. Stephens, President & CEO, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce said, "I've had the distinct honor and privilege of working with him this past year and I can tell you a couple of things about Michael. First of all, Michael is a great leader who understands people and knows how to get things done through people. I've admired him this year for that. The other thing about Michael that you probably already know is that he is a very savvy businessman. Michael and I will sit down and talk finances and other issues within the Chamber and Michael understands business and Chamber business as well. But probably most important to me is that Michael Dudley in my mind is the quintessential gentleman. He's a man of character, a man of faith and he's been a great mentor and role model for me this past year. Michael, I just want to publicly and personally thank you for all that you've done for the Chamber but really what you've done for me in the way of leadership and mentorship."

Michael Dudley responded, "It has been a privilege to serve as the Chair over this past year." He added, "This year, the Chamber has had significant influence in the legislative agenda in the state of Virginia on issues like transportation, Medicaid, taxation and workers' compensation. The Chamber's team works on behalf of the

members of the Chamber representing the issues and ideas that are important to all of us here. Your Chamber does have influence and connections.”

Dudley handed off his position as Chair to Joe Witt of Old Point National Bank with a ceremonial gavel. Witt said, “I am grateful and humbled to accept the Chair position for 2015. I hope my service as Chair continues to reinforce the importance of regionalism.”



Michael M. Dudley (right), President & CEO of Optima Health, hands off responsibility of Chair, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce to Joe Witt (left) of Old Point National Bank

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