



Health Volunteers Overseas
Transforming Lives Through Education

For Immediate Release

Press Contact: Danielle Stonehirsch, Manager of Communications and Donor Relations

Email: d.stonehirsch@hvousa.org

Phone: 202-296-0928

HVO Welcomes New Member to the Board of Directors

[Washington, DC – November 14, 2022] Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Janna Beling, PT, PhD to the HVO Board of Directors.

Janna Beling, PT, PhD is a Professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at California State University, Northridge where she has served as Department Chair for eight years. Dr. Beling has presented and published her research related to physical therapist education and global health, including clinical and didactic education in the international setting, as well as international service-learning. She was a Fulbright Specialist in Malawi and has served in Suriname, Belize, and Vietnam. Additionally, she is the President of the Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation whose mission is to promote research, education, social justice, and the arts and to improve the human condition. Dr. Beling's commitment to service is reinforced by her aim to motivate ethical practice and to support social responsibility with underserved populations both locally and overseas.

Dr. Beling has been involved as a member since 1999. She has completed 14 overseas assignments and conducted a site assessment. She is the project director for two sites in Vietnam and was recognized with the HVO Golden Apple Award in 2018 - a nomination submitted by her Vietnamese colleagues in recognition of her role in strengthening the skills and capacity of physical therapists at the DaNang Rehabilitation Hospital.

"We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Beling to the HVO Board of Directors," said Nancy A. Kelly, MHS, HVO Executive Director. "Her extensive experience and deep understanding of the global health community as well as HVO's organizational culture will make her an asset to the HVO Board of Directors."

Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is dedicated to improving the availability and quality of health care in resource-scarce countries through the training, mentorship, and education of local health professionals. Since 1986, HVO has relied on establishing equitable partnerships with hospitals, universities, medical institutes, and Ministries of Health to realize its mission. HVO's programs utilize highly skilled health professionals as short- and long-term volunteers providing both in-person and virtual training, as well as provide scholarships for on-site clinicians to attend international continuing education opportunities. HVO volunteers provide training on average to over 3,100 health professionals each year across 18+ specialties and 23+ countries. Around the world, HVO is transforming lives through education, working towards a world where all people have access to high-quality health care delivered by local health professionals.

####