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Elia Mears is currently a resident of Louisiana.

Ms. Mears surveys the Standards in the Comprehensive Accreditation Manual /Accreditation Manual for Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Services.

Prior to joining The Joint Commission, Ms. Mears served as Director of Laboratory Services at LSUHSC-Leonard J Chabert Medical Center in Houma, Louisiana. She received her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degrees from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and her Master's degree from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. She also completed several certification programs in Supervisory and Management from LSU in Baton Rouge, as well as a certificate from the Notre Dame Mendoza School of Business. She is board certified as a Medical Technologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, with a Specialty in Microbiology, and licensed as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in the state of Louisiana. She was a faculty member of the LSU Clinical Laboratory Science Program in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Mears is an active member of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC), serving in several leadership roles in various Sections, Divisions and Committees. She has authored numerous articles in the field of Nutrition and has lectured both nationally and internationally on nutritional aspects of the hospitalized patient population. Ms. Mears was the recipient of the Gary-Labbe Award for Outstanding Contributions in Advancing Nutrition Chemistry and was the recipient of the award for service to the Nutrition Division of the AACC. In the last 4 years, she has presented at the AACC, on behalf of The Joint Commission, on the subjects of laboratory Competency Assessment, Understanding CLIA Roles, Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP) and Antibiotic Stewardship.

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