

# National Business Coalition on Health Elects New Board Officers

WASHINGTON, July 10 /PRNewswire/ -- Today the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH), a non-profit organization of more than 70 employer-based health coalitions, representing over 10,000 employers across the United States, announced its slate of new officers for the Board of Governors. Officers are elected by their board peers based on proven leadership and commitment to NBCH, as well as their efforts to advance and strengthen the tenets of value-based purchasing.

"Critical to our efforts toward community health reform is the work of the coalitions and their employer members to bring about meaningful change in our health care system," said Andrew Webber, president and CEO of NBCH. "We are extremely pleased to have these knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders working closely with us as we move forward the agenda of value-based purchasing, getting the highest quality care at the most reasonable cost."

Regional representatives elected to the NBCH Board of Governors include: Douglas Libby, Maine Health Management Coalition; Samuel J. Schmitz, Employers' Coalition on Health; **Margaret Stanley, Puget Sound Health Alliance**; and Barbara Wallace, Virginia Business Coalition on Health (reelected). Current regional representatives include: Gary Allen, Hawaii Business Health Council; Jerry Burgess, HealthCare 21 Business Coalition; Cheryl DeMars, The Alliance; Michael Ginder, Nevada Health Care Coalition; Christopher Goff, Employers Health Coalition of Ohio; Bev Rossmiller, Tri-State Health Care Coalition; Gary Rost, Savannah Business Group on Health; and Sue Szymanski, Frontpath Health Coalition.

Elected executive committee members include: Chair Jerry Custer, Heartland Healthcare Coalition; Immediate Past Chair Marianne Fazen, Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health; Vice Chair Cristie Travis, Memphis Business Group on Health; and Secretary-Treasurer Carolyn Pare, Buyers Health Care Action Group. Serving dual roles as At-Large Board Representatives are Douglas Libby and Barbara Wallace.

About the National Business Coalition on Health

NBCH is a national, non-profit, membership organization of more than 70 employer-based health care coalitions, representing over 10,000 employers across the United States. NBCH and its members are dedicated to value based purchasing of health care services through the collective action of public and private purchasers. In developing, identifying and disseminating best practices in value-based purchasing strategies, NBCH seeks to accelerate the nation's progress towards safe, efficient, high quality health care. For more information, call 202-775-9300 or visit <http://www.nbch.org/>. National Business Coalition on Health

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