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National Health Council Announces New Board Members and Officers

(Washington, DC) – At its December meeting, the National Health Council (NHC) Board of Directors elected its officers for 2010. They are

Chairperson

Steven Taylor
Chief Executive Officer
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
Bethesda, Maryland

Treasurer

Jennifer L. Howse, PhD
President
March of Dimes Foundation
White Plains, New York

Chairperson-elect

John Klippel, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Arthritis Foundation
Atlanta, Georgia

Secretary

The Honorable Billy Tauzin
President
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of
America
Washington, DC

Vice Chairperson

Larry Hausner, Chief Executive Officer
American Diabetes Association
Alexandria, VA

Following the Board meeting, the membership of the NHC elected these individuals to its Board of Directors.

Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association
Dallas, Texas

George A. Guido
Executive Director
Alliance Development & Stakeholder Relations
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals
Wilmington, Delaware

Barbara Collura
Executive Director
RESOLVE, The National Infertility
Association
McLean, Virginia

Dan Leonard
President
National Pharmaceutical Council
Reston, Virginia

Lee Grossman
President and Chief Executive Officer
Autism Society of America
Bethesda, Maryland

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In the coming year, the priority issues for NHC will include continuing work on the passage of health care reform legislation and its implementation in order to improve access to effective and affordable health care for all people; sustained funding for federal health research; creating incentives for the development of new treatments; and promoting the use of electronic personal health records.

The National Health Council (NHC) is the only organization of its kind that brings together all segments of the health care community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers.

Made up of more than 100 national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes 50 of the nation's leading patient advocacy groups. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and major pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology companies. To learn more about the NHC, visit its website at www.nhcouncil.org.

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