



National Health Council

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National Health Council Announces New Board Members and Officers

WASHINGTON, DC (Dec. 22, 2010) – The National Health Council (NHC) has selected its officers and new Board members for 2011. The new officers are as follows:

Chairperson

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

Treasurer

Dan Leonard
President
National Pharmaceutical Council
Reston, Virginia

Chairperson-elect

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

Secretary

Jack Lewin, MD
Chief Executive Officer
American College of Cardiology
Washington, DC

Vice Chairperson

LaVarne A. Burton
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Kidney Fund
Rockville, Maryland

The membership of the NHC also elected the following individuals to its Board of Directors:

Randy Beranek
President and CEO
National Psoriasis Foundation
Portland, Oregon

Eric Racine, PharmD, MBA
Vice President, Advocacy
sanofi-aventis
Bridgewater, New York

LaVarne A. Burton
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Kidney Fund
Rockville, Maryland

John R. Seffrin, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
American Cancer Society
Atlanta, Georgia

John J. Castellani
President and CEO
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers
Association
Washington, DC

Stephen J. Ubl
President and CEO
Advanced Medical Technology Association
(AdvaMed)
Washington, DC

Nina M. Hill, Ph.D.
Vice President, Public Affairs for Oncology
Pfizer Inc
New York, New York

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In the coming year, the priority issues for NHC will include

- Providing the patient voice on health care delivery and payment system reform.
- Working with the various federal offices to define essential health benefits, which are required under the health care reform law
- Supporting comparative effectiveness research and the work of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
- Encouraging sustained funding for federal health programs and health research
- Creating incentives for the development of new treatments for people with chronic conditions

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 approximately 50 of the nation's leading patient advocacy groups, which control its governance. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and major pharmaceutical, medical device, health insurance, and biotechnology companies. To learn more about the NHC, visit its website at www.nationalhealthcouncil.org.

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