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National Association for Healthcare Quality 2012 Board of Directors Prepared to Lead

Glenview, IL— *January 2012* — The National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) Board of Directors is in place to begin their work for the new year.

Newly elected board members attended orientation and joined in a review of the successes of 2011 and what's ahead for 2012. The group then addressed steps to advance the association in the coming year through NAHQ's continued vision of realizing the promise of healthcare improvement through innovative practices in quality and patient safety.

2012 NAHQ President **Betty Brown, MBA MSN RN CPHQ FNAHQ**, Quality Consultant for LifePoint Hospitals, led the discussion of planned and new initiatives. "In 2012, the NAHQ board will continue to focus on the future of the quality and patient safety professional with significant energy focused on completion of the collaborative initiative, Ensuring the Integrity of Practice in Quality and Patient Safety, development of innovative approaches to learning opportunities for the profession, enhancing the services provided to our state affiliates, and putting in place U.S.-specific content for the certification exam." In addition, the board continues to consider additional projects that promote innovation and advancement of the organization's vision and mission.

Lee Hamilton, JD MPA RN CPHQ FNAHQ, takes up her second consecutive term on the NAHQ board as the incoming President-Elect. She'll spend the coming year assisting with succession planning and leadership appointments, as well as relationship building with NAHQ's partners. Hamilton is currently Director, Quality & Planning, at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic in Toppenish, WA.

Susan Goodwin, MSN RN FACHE CPHQ FNAHQ, transitions to the role of Immediate Past President for 2012. In this role, she will lead the Nominating Team in their work of selecting candidates for 2013 elections, as well as supporting the Fellowship Team and Leadership Development Task Team. Goodwin currently serves as Assistant Vice President of HCA Hospital Corporation of America in Nashville.

Sherry Mazer, MBA MT(ASCP) FACHE CPHQ, Corporate Regulatory Officer with Temple University Health System in Philadelphia, joins the board as the newly elected

Secretary/Treasurer. This 24-year NAHQ member will advise the Conference Planning Team and lead the Finance Team, as well as assist with other board duties during her 3-year term.

Nancy Curdy, RN MSN ANP-C CPHQ, joins the board in her first year as Director at Large. A past volunteer and team leader, she will now assist the *JHQ* Editorial Board, Professional Recognition and Education Task Teams in her board position. Curdy joins the group from the Atlanta area, where she serves as Clinical Nurse Specialist at Emory Johns Creek Hospital.

3 board members continue in their current positions on the 2012 National Association for Healthcare Quality Board of Directors:

Stephanie Iorio-Minnis, BSN RN CPHQ CPC, director of products and services for American Data Network in Little Rock, AR, continues her role as Director at Large. In addition to strategic board responsibilities, she will advise the Special Interest Group and Finance Teams, as well as the Healthcare Quality Certification Commission (HQCC).

Jacqueline L. Cole, RN MS CNOR CPHQ CMCN CHC, continues her role as Director at Large, advising the Healthcare Quality Foundation (HQF) team and assisting with state leadership development in 2012. This 13-year NAHQ member serves as the Director of Compliance/Quality and Privacy Officer for DAKOTACARE in Sioux Falls, SD.

Michael Greer, RN MHA CPHQ, maintains his position on the NAHQ board as Chair of the Healthcare Quality Certification Commission (HQCC). NAHQ is the only organization to offer the Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) through its certifying arm, the HQCC. Greer is the Director of Regulatory and Accreditation for LifePoint Hospitals in Brentwood, TN.

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About NAHQ

Since 1976, the National Association for Healthcare Quality has served as an essential and interactive resource for quality and patient safety professionals around the world. Over 10,000 members and CPHQs turn to NAHQ for education, research, networking, certification, and resources designed to ease and improve their daily work.

NAHQ's vision is to realize the promise of healthcare improvement through innovative practices in quality and patient safety. Each program, initiative and alliance we initiate reflects our members' values of excellence, integrity, innovation and collaboration.

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