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Louisiana Association of Health Plans Elects 2012 Board of Directors

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Association of Health Plan’s Board of Directors will operate under new leadership in 2012. J Pegues, chief executive officer of Coventry Health Care, was elected board President at the association’s Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner in December.

Pegues is formerly the Vice President of the LAHP Board of Directors. That role will be filled in 2012 by George Bucher of Amerigroup. Jeff Fernandez of Humana will remain the Secretary-Treasurer.

The association’s previous President, Glen Golemi of UnitedHealthcare, will be serving the board this year as a Director. He will be joined in that role by David Gandy of MultiPlan, Don Hidalgo of Health Associates, Lyle Luman of WellCare, Sonia Madison of LaCare, Warren Murrell of Peoples Health, John Price of Aetna, and Carol Solomon of Peoples Health.

The board’s appointed committee chairs are Michele Calandro of Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Legislative Affairs Committee); Brooke Flaherty Tiner of Aetna (Regulatory Affairs Committee); Milam Ford, RPh, MBA, MPH, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Membership Committee); Doug Layman of Gilsbar (Education Committee); Ronald Ritchey, MD, of eQHealth Solutions (Medical Director Forum); and Ansley Zehnder of Humana (Communications Committee).

The board governs the operations of LAHP, the state trade association for the health benefits industry. The LAHP Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of the organization, providing for fiscal accountability and managing resources effectively, offering administrative guidance to the committees and the CEO, determining and monitoring LAHP’s activities, and assessing the association’s performance.

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