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Acumentra Health Installs New Board Officers

Portland, Ore. — February 18, 2011 — Acumentra Health, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Oregon and the External Quality Review Organization for the Oregon and Washington Medicaid programs, has installed a new slate of officers for its Board of Trustees.

The new board chair is **Andris Antoniskis, MD**. Dr. Antoniskis is associate medical director of Providence Portland Medical Center's Chemical Dependency Program, a position he has held since 1981. He is a past chairman of the Department of Medicine at Providence Portland. Board-certified in internal medicine (1978) and addiction medicine (1986), he was in private practice from 1978 to 2007. He was appointed a fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine in 2006. He has served on multiple committees with county and state medical organizations and is a past president of the Oregon Medical Association.

John Robert (Bob) Williams Jr., the new vice chair (chair elect), is a private consultant in healthcare marketing, strategic planning, and policy. He worked at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) from 1975 through 2007, in engineering and hospital administration, as executive assistant to the president, and finally in strategic planning and marketing. From 1989 to 2004, Mr. Williams served as associate hospital director and director of strategic planning and marketing for the OHSU healthcare system. He was associate director of the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology from its inception in 1988 until 2003.

Thomas Aschenbrener, the incoming secretary/treasurer, is president of Northwest Health Foundation, organized under his leadership in 1997. Previously, he founded and operated Philanthropy Resources, an advisory service on charitable giving and philanthropic foundations. Mr. Aschenbrener has held a variety of health education and management positions and has served on numerous nonprofit boards. He currently chairs the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board, to which he was appointed by Governor Kulongoski in 2005. Mr. Aschenbrener received the Community Health Partnership's Public Health Genius Merit Award in 2005.

Dr. Antoniskis, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Aschenbrener lead the board's Executive Committee, which also includes two at-large trustees and Jon K. Mitchell, FACHE, president and CEO of Acumentra Health.

Kathy LeVee, vice president of operations for Marquis Companies, also joined the Acumentra Health board. With Marquis since 1989, she now oversees 27 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in five states, and is responsible for all corporate and facility-level marketing strategies and for the company's home health/home care unit. She also serves on the boards of the Oregon Health Care Association and the Vital Life Foundation.

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In addition to the above named members, the board includes the following trustees:

Shelley Barnes, MPHA
Consultant, Oregon Health & Science University, Child Development and Rehabilitation Center

Barbara Christensen
Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Providence Health Plans

Brian Gard
President, Gard Communications

Robert A. Gluckman, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Providence Physician Division, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center

Hugh Sowers
Consumer Representative

Robert Swangard, MD
Medical Director, Vascular Lab, Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute, Sacred Heart Medical Center

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Acumentra Health is a nonprofit consulting organization dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of health care. Established in 1984, Acumentra Health contracts with Medicare to support effective, evidence-based health care for Medicare beneficiaries in Oregon, and oversees the state's Medicare Beneficiary Protection Program. Acumentra Health also provides External Quality Review of managed healthcare services provided to Medicaid enrollees in Oregon and Washington, and collaborates with other stakeholder organizations in healthcare quality assurance and quality improvement projects. For more information, visit www.acumentra.org.