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HEALTH CARE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2005-2006 BOARD LEADERSHIP

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (July 20, 2005) - The Nashville Health Care Council has announced Board leadership for the organization's 2005-2006 fiscal year, as well as the appointment of 11 new board members. All terms took effect on July 1, 2005.

The Health Care Council Board of Directors recently established two-year Board chair and vice chair terms in order to provide greater leadership continuity for the organization. As a result, **Harry R. Jacobson, M.D.**, vice chancellor for Health Affairs at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will continue to serve as chairman of the Health Care Council for the new fiscal year, and **Wayne T. Smith**, chairman, president & CEO of Community Health Systems, will continue to serve as vice chairman.

Jacobson is vice chancellor for Health Affairs and professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He received his M.D. from the University of Illinois Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine in Chicago, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. Jacobson joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 1985 as professor of Medicine and director of the Division of Nephrology. He is also a founder of Renal Care Group and is a member of the company's board of directors.

Smith is chairman, president and CEO of Community Health Systems Inc. (CHS). CHS owns and operates full-service, acute care hospitals in non-urban communities. Prior to joining CHS, Smith was with Humana Inc., serving in a number of senior management positions, including president, COO and as a member of the company's board of directors.

"I look forward to continuing to work with Council members and other health care industry leaders to support a positive business environment for existing and start up health care companies, to foster the next generation of health care leaders and entrepreneurs, and to further raise Nashville's profile as a health care industry capital," Jacobson said.

The Council Board of Directors elected the following six members to serve on the Board for three-year terms: **Gary Brukardt**, president & CEO, Renal Care Group; **W. Hudson Connery, Jr.**, president & CEO, Essent Healthcare; **Herbert A. Fritch**, president & CEO, NewQuest Health Solutions; **Joey Jacobs**, chairman, president & CEO, Psychiatric Solutions; **Charles N. Martin, Jr.**, chairman & CEO, Vanguard Health Systems; and **C. Brian Shipp**, CEO, Tennessee & Arkansas, United Healthcare.

In addition, the Council announced the appointment of five new members representing the professional services groups and suppliers that support the health care industry: **Thomas J. Aaron**, partner, Deloitte & Touche; **James W. Bearden**, CEO, Gresham Smith & Partners; **Catherine Gemmato-Smith**, managing director, Jefferies & Co.; **Tony Holcombe**, president, WebMD Corp. and WebMD Business Services; and **E. Berry Holt, III**, Health Care team leader, Boulton Cummings Connors & Berry.

“We are honored to have industry leaders like Harry Jacobson and Wayne Smith continue as the Council’s chairman and vice chairman, respectively, and we welcome the new members joining the Board,” said Council President Matthew S. Gallivan. “The Council Board brings valuable, world-class industry experience and leadership to the organization, and we are pleased to have their support and participation as the Council continues to grow.”

Founded in 1995 as a program of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce’s *PARTNERSHIP 2010* initiative, the Health Care Council is an association of health care industry leaders working together to further establish Nashville’s position as the nation’s health care industry capital. For more information on the Council, please visit the Council’s web site at www.healthcarecouncil.com.

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Attachment:
Health Care Council 2005-06 Board of Directors

Board member photographs and biographies available electronically upon request.

**Nashville Health Care Council
2005-06 Board of Directors**

Harry R. Jacobson, M.D. (Chairman)
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Wayne T. Smith (Vice Chairman)
Chairman, President & CEO
Community Health Systems

Thomas J. Aaron
Partner, Deloitte & Touche LLP

James W. Bearden, AIA
CEO, Gresham Smith & Partners

Richard M. Bracken
President & COO, HCA

Gary A. Brukardt
President & CEO, Renal Care Group

Thomas G. Cigarran (Past Chairman)
Chairman, American Healthways

W. Hudson Connery, Jr.
President & CEO, Essent Healthcare

Mac Crawford
Chairman, President & CEO, Caremark Rx

Kenneth C. Donahey
Chairman, President & CEO
LifePoint Hospitals

Richard E. Francis, Jr.
Chairman & CEO, Symbion

Herbert A. Fritch
President & CEO
NewQuest Health Solutions

Catherine Gemmato-Smith
Managing Director, Jefferies & Company

Vicky B. Gregg
President & CEO, BlueCross BlueShield
of Tennessee

Tony G. Holcombe
President, WebMD Corporation & President,
WebMD Business Services

E. Berry Holt, III
Healthcare Team Leader, Boulton Cummings
Connors & Berry

Christopher L. Howard
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Joey A. Jacobs
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Solutions

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Division, UnitedHealthcare

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Matthew S. Gallivan
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