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LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE QUALITY FORUM ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OFFICERS, MEMBERS

Baton Rouge, La. – (May 13, 2016) – The Louisiana Health Care Quality has named new officers and board members to its Board of Directors for 2016.

The new officers are **John Carroll, C(k)P, ARPC, CRPC, AAMS, President** (Chief Executive Officer, Wealth Advisor, Wellspring Advisor Group in Alexandria, La.); **Stephen Wright, President Elect** (President & Chief Executive Officer, CHRISTUS Health Louisiana in Alexandria, La.); **Teri G. Fontenot, FACHE, Secretary/Treasurer** (President & Chief Executive Officer, Woman’s Hospital in Baton Rouge) and **Daniel Burke, SPHR, Member at Large** (Director of Corporate Benefits, Turner Industries in Baton Rouge). **Louis Minsky, MD** (Private Practitioner, Minsky & Carver Medical Center for Wellness in Baton Rouge) serves as Immediate Past President.

In addition, four individuals have joined the Quality Forum Board: **David Carmouche, MD** (Senior Vice President and President, Ochsner Health Network in Baton Rouge); **Jeff Drozda** (Chief Executive Officer, Louisiana Association of Health Plans in Baton Rouge); **Sonya Nelson** (President, Amerigroup Louisiana in Baton Rouge); and **A.A. “Chard” Richard, III** (Area President, Gulf States, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in Baton Rouge).

Returning board members include: **Chuck Burnell, MD** (Lead Medical Director, Acadian Companies in Lafayette, La.); **Donna D. Fraiche** (Attorney, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz in New Orleans and Baton Rouge); **Glen Golemi** (President and Chief Executive Officer, eQ Health Solutions in Baton Rouge); **Wes Hataway, JD** (Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Louisiana State Medical Society in Baton Rouge); and **Susan E. Nelson, MD, FACP, FAAHPM** (Medical Director of Senior Services, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System in Baton Rouge and Franciscan PACE).

About the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum

The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum is a private, not-for-profit organization, dedicated to advancing evidence-based initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its focus areas include quality measurement and analytics, practice transformation/medical home development, end-of-life care planning, outreach/education and health information technology (IT). With regard to health IT, the Quality Forum serves as the State-Designated Entity for health IT initiatives in Louisiana, providing support for health care providers and critical access/rural hospitals as they adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records and managing the state’s health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhcf.org.

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