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2012 NAPHS ELECTION: **Blair Stam Begins Term as NAPHS Board Chair;** **Newly Elected Board Members Take Office**

(Washington, D.C., January 4, 2012)...On January 3, **Blair Stam** began his term as the 2012 **chair of the Board of Trustees** of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS). Mr. Stam is executive vice president, Signature Healthcare Services, Corona, CA.

In election results released today, **Michele Gougeon** was chosen **chair-elect of the NAPHS Board of Trustees**. Ms. Gougeon is executive vice president and chief operating officer, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA. She will become board chair at the conclusion of Mr. Stam's 2012 term.

New **members elected to the NAPHS Board of Trustees** for three-year terms that began January 1, 2012, are:

- **Bob Nykamp**, vice-president & chief operating officer, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grand Rapids, MI;
- **Gail Ryder**, vice president, BayCare Behavioral Health, St. Petersburg, FL; and
- **Jim Shaheen**, founder/president, Strategic Behavioral Health, LLC, Memphis, TN.

The NAPHS Board includes 18 additional members representing the diversity of the NAPHS membership.

ABOUT NAPHS

The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 700 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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