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LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE QUALITY FORUM ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS

BATON ROUGE, LA – (August 24, 2012) – The Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum has named new officers and five new board members to its Board of Directors for 2012-2013.

The new officers are: **Ray Peters, President** (Vice President of Human Resources and Marketing for RoyOMartin Lumber Company in Alexandria, La.); **B. Vindell Washington, MD, MHCM, FACEP, President-Elect** (Vice President of Performance Excellence and Technology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System in Baton Rouge, La.); **Dionne Viator, CPA, FACHE, Secretary/Treasurer** (Executive Vice President and Chief Business Development Officer at Baton Rouge General Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La.); and **Lynn Buggage, Member at Large** (State Health Systems Director of the American Cancer Society in New Orleans).

In addition, five individuals have joined the Quality Forum board: **Catherine Fairchild, JD** (Attorney with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development attorney in Baton Rouge, La.); **John E. Carroll, CFM, ARPC, CRPC, CSNA, AAMS** (Vice President with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management in Alexandria, La.); **Sandra A. Kemmerly, MD, MACP, FIDSA** (Medical Director for Quality and Safety at Ochsner Health System in New Orleans); **Louis R. Minsky, MD** (Private Practitioner with Minsky & Carver Medical Center for Personal Wellness in Baton Rouge, La.); and **Leonard Weather, Jr., MD** (Gynecologist in Shreveport, La.).

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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, collaborative initiatives to improve the health of Louisiana residents. Its focus areas include quality measurement and analytics, clinical quality improvement, the patient-centered medical home/care coordination model, outreach/education and health information technology IT). With regard to health IT, the Forum is the State-Designated Entity to support health care providers and critical access/rural hospitals as they adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records and to lead the planning and implementation of the state's health information exchange. For more information, visit www.lhqcf.org.

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