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2009 NAPHS ELECTION:

**Brent Turner Begins Term as NAPHS Chair of the Board;
Newly Elected Board Members Take Office; Membership Approves Title Changes**

(Washington, D.C., January 6, 2009).....On January 1, **Brent Turner**, executive vice president, finance and administration, Psychiatric Solutions, Inc., Franklin, TN, began his term as the 2009 chairman of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) Board of Trustees. This title reflects the membership's approval of title changes for all Board officers and for the position formerly known as executive director. As a result of the membership vote, **Mark Covall**, formerly the executive director, is now the association's president/CEO.

In election results released today, **Kevin P. Sheehan was chosen chair-elect of the NAPHS Board**. Mr. Sheehan is chairman, CEO, and president of Youth and Family Centered Services, Austin, TX. He will become chair of the board at the conclusion of Mr. Turner's 2009 term.

New **members elected to the Board** of Trustees for three-year terms that began January 1, 2009, are:

- **Carroll Cradock, Ph.D.**, director, Behavioral Health Services, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL;
- **Michele Gougeon**, executive vice president/chief operating officer, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA;
- **Dennis King**, president, Maine Mental Health Partners and president and CEO, Spring Harbor Hospital, Westbrook, ME; and
- **Bruce Shear**, president & CEO, Pioneer Behavioral Health, Peabody, MA.

The NAPHS Board also includes 16 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 600 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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