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## NHCH Elects New Board of Directors and Officers

Kamuela, HI (December 9, 2009) - As 2009 comes to a close, North Hawaii Community Hospital Board of Directors held their final meeting to review performance, elect officers and look forward to the new year. Bob Momsen, Board President, said: "2009 has been a year of healing, reconciliation and building for the future. A new management team has been recruited, installed and has learned the way we do things here in Hawaii. We have also created new and improved lines of communication with the community and the employees of the Hospital. The New Year brings more progress as our CEO, John White, and his team continue to refine our strategy, improve the financial situation, and hire new physicians to serve our community."

The Board has selected Bob Momsen to continue as the President of the Board. Mike Rossi was reelected as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Sharon Vitousek was elected Vice President and Chairman of the Operations Committee. Cliff Dias was elected Vice President and Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. Finally, Bill Hastings was reelected as Secretary. Previously, the Board announced the election of Ginny Pressler, M.D., to the Board. Ginny is Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer of Hawaii Pacific Health based in Honolulu, and she brings a wealth of experience and new ideas to our Board.

Dr. John Dawson is retiring from the Board of Directors as of January 2010. Momsen said: “John has served NHCH over the years as a founder, Board member, our first Board President, our first Chief of Staff, and trusted doctor – as well as friend to all. John played a key role in our healing transition in 2009 and will be sorely missed.” In addition to Dr. Dawson’s departure, Ken Wood and Bill Anderson have both left the Board, as new career opportunities required each of them to move to the mainland.

With these changes, the complete Board of Directors for North Hawaii Community Hospital for 2010 is Linda Clifford, Cliff Dias, Bill Hastings, Bill Hutchinson, Dr. Dana Lee, Mike Luce, Kahu Billy Mitchell, Bob Momsen, Dr. Bill Park, Dr. Ginny Pressler, Carolyn Quick, Mike Rossi, and Dr. Sharon Vitousek.

North Hawaii Community Hospital is a 40-bed, full-service, acute-care hospital located in Waimea on the Big Island of Hawaii. It is a community-owned, non-profit hospital. It opened in May 1996 and serves the 30,000+ residents and visitors of North Hawaii and the Hamakua and Kohala Coasts.

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