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## *NEWS RELEASE*

### **STACI COVEY TO CHAIR ASSOCIATION'S SMALL OR RURAL HOSPITALS GOVERNING COUNCIL**

WASHINGTON—January 13, 2012— Staci Covey, president of Guthrie's Troy Community Hospital in Troy, Pa., will lead the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Small or Rural Hospitals in 2012. The 22-person governing council represents small or rural hospitals in the AHA's policy process and member services initiatives.

Covey has served in her present role at Troy Community Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital offering inpatient and outpatient care, since 2003. Currently, Covey is also vice president for post-acute care services for Guthrie Healthcare System, Sayre, Pa., and administrator for Guthrie Home Care in Towanda, Pa.

In addition to her work at Guthrie Healthcare System, Covey is an active member and past chair of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania's Council for Small and Rural Hospitals and serves as a governor-appointed member on the Pennsylvania Health Care Leadership Council. For her leadership and contributions to improving the health of rural Pennsylvanians, Covey received the 2011 Louis A. Ditzel Award for Quality Improvement in Rural Health from the Pennsylvania

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Department of Rural Health. Additionally, Covey received recognition in 2011 for consistently maintaining high employee satisfaction scores in the Home Care services.

Covey is an active member of the Troy Chamber of Commerce and has participated in a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation traffic study task force, which recommends traffic changes related to increased traffic. Additionally, she volunteers for the Animal Care Sanctuary, a shelter and adoption program for rescued, abandoned and abused animals.

Covey earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., a master of science in nursing from Binghamton University State University of New York in Binghamton and a post-master's certificate in nursing administration from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

Alvin Hoover, CEO of King's Daughters Medical Center in Brookhaven, Miss. is this year's chair-elect and will assume the role of chairman in 2013. Mark Doak, chief executive officer of Davis Health System in Elkins, W.V. is the immediate past chairman.

New members elected to serve for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2012, are:

- **Peter Hofstetter**, CEO, Holy Cross Hospital, Taos, N.M.
- **Mary Ellen Pratt**, CEO, St. James Parish Hospital, Litcher, La.
- **Susan Davila**, administrator and CEO, Desert View Hospital, Pahrump, Nev.
- **Robert Senneff**, president and CEO, Graham Hospital, Canton, Ill.

The small or rural hospital governing council advises the AHA on federal policy issues. For more information, please visit <http://www.aha.org/aha/member-center/constituency-sections/Small-or-Rural/roster.html>.

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**About the AHA's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals**

The AHA's Section for Small or Rural Hospitals provides representation, advocacy and educational opportunities to help the nation's small or rural hospitals better serve the health needs of patients and communities. The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include almost 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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