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ALVIN HOOVER TO CHAIR ASSOCIATION'S SMALL OR RURAL HOSPITALS GOVERNING COUNCIL

WASHINGTON—January 8, 2013— Alvin Hoover, chief executive officer of King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) in Brookhaven, Miss., will lead the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Section for Small or Rural Hospitals in 2013. The 24-person governing council represents small or rural hospitals in the AHA's policy process and member services initiatives.

Alvin Hoover has served as CEO of KDMC since 2007. The nonprofit, 122-bed hospital offers a full range of general acute care services as well as a wound care center, a family medicine clinic, wellness programs and a sleep center. In 2012, KDMC was recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the Best Places to Work in health care and received Healthgrades' Award for Outstanding Patient Experience. In 2008, the hospital had the second- highest Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems score in the nation and was recognized by the Baptist Healing Trust as one of the Top 10 Healing Hospitals in America.

In addition to his work at KDMC, Hoover is active in the Brookhaven and Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 2011. He also participates in the Brookhaven Kiwanis Club and is a deacon with the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven. Bestowed with numerous awards, Hoover was named Quorum Health Resources CEO of the year in 2011, was presented the South Carolina on the Move Award by Senator DeMint in 2007, and was named 2004 business person of the year by the Abbeville Rotary Club. He is also active in coaching soccer.

Hoover earned a Bachelor of Science from Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., a Master of Education from Georgia State University in Atlanta, and a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University in Mt Pleasant, Mich. He is board certified in Healthcare Management and is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Paul R. Bengtson, CEO of Northeastern Vermont Regional in Saint Johnsbury, Vt., is this year's chair-elect and will assume the role of chairman in 2014. Staci Covey, CEO of Troy Community Hospital in Troy, Pa., is the immediate past chairman.

New members elected to serve for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013, are:

- **Verna S. Meacham**, president and CEO, Nexus Health, National Harbor, Md.
- **Thomas Nordwick**, president and CEO, Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Ind.
- **Rachelle Schultz**, president and CEO, Winona Health, Winona, Minn.
- **Patrick Wallace**, administrator, East Texas Medical Center Athens, Athens, Texas
- **Ted Stubblefield**, trustee representative, NorthCrest Medical Center, Springfield, Tenn.

Appointed to the section's governing council to serve as the AHA Board Liaison is **Roger J. Reamer**, CEO, Memorial Health Care Systems, Seward, Neb.

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>.

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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