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APHSA Names New Policy Council Officers
Health and Human Service Leaders from Across USA Elected

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) today announced the newly elected leadership of its council that determines the association's positions on federal legislation and regulations. APHSA's National Council of State Human Service Administrators is made up of the governor-appointed state health and human service chief executives from each state. Members of the Council's Executive Committee were recently elected by the Council's membership. The new Executive Committee officers come from Alaska, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Carolina and Vermont.

"The National Council of State Human Service Administrators is an important forum for state-level administrators to have a say in the federal rules and policies that affect their work, their budgets and their constituencies," said Tracy Wareing, APHSA's executive director. "The Executive Committee provides leadership by setting the Council's agenda and reviewing and approving its actions. We are pleased that the newly elected Executive Committee represents such a diversity of political affiliation, geography and population."

The newly elected officers of the National Council of State Human Service Administrators are:

- **Chair**—Reggie Bicha, Executive Director, CO Department of Human Services
- **Vice Chair**—Michelle Saddler, Secretary, IL Department of Human Services
- **Central Region Representative**—Lucinda Jesson, Commissioner, MN Department of Human Services
- **Mountain Region Representative**—Kerry Winterer, Chief Executive Officer, NE Department of Health and Human Services
- **Northeast Region Representative**—Doug Racine, Secretary, VT Agency of Human Services
- **Southeast Region Representative**—Lillian Koller, State Director, SC Department of Social Services
- **Southwest Region Representative**—Ruth Johnson, Secretary, LA Department of Children and Family Services
- **Western Region Representative**—William Streur, Commissioner, AK Department of Health and Social Services

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About APHSA

APHSA is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization representing appointed state health and human service agency commissioners—the nation’s top government human service executives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories—and their key state program managers, plus hundreds of county-level directors of human services throughout the nation—for the exchange of knowledge, data, best practices, policy review and development, networking and advocacy. APHSA is committed to carrying out our work through strong connections and partnerships among the many areas of government and the broader community that affect the well-being of our citizens. APHSA’s mission is to pursue excellence in health and human services by supporting state and local agencies, informing policymakers, and working with our partners to drive innovative, integrated and efficient solutions in policy and practice.