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California Physician Group Organization Welcomes Eight New Board Members

LOS ANGELES, CA – The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) has announced the election of eight new members to serve on its Board of Directors. CAPG represents more than 150 medical groups that employ or contract with nearly 60,000 California doctors and provide care to 15 million Californians.

The CAPG board is responsible for monitoring the needs of the organization's membership, particularly in light of changes and demands in the health care marketplace. Part of their accountabilities include enhancing the delivery of coordinated health care, working with health plans to improve benefit designs and health care delivery, and identifying and developing strategies to help strengthen their medical group practices. CAPG board members serve a two-year term.

Joining the CAPG Board are the following:

AppleCare Medical Management, Inc., Artesia, CA

Vinod Jivrajka, MD

Dr. Jivrajka is a founding partner and President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AppleCare Medical Management, LLC, which manages its two affiliated Independent Physician Associations (IPAs), AppleCare Medical Group Downey and AppleCare Medical Group St. Francis. Under his leadership, the membership in the two IPAs has increased from 500 patients in 1996 to over 80,000 today. He holds a Medical Degree from the University of Bombay in India, was a senior medical resident at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey, held a fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine, and also was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease. His past leadership positions includes Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Chairman of the Division of Cardiology at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, California.

Surendra Jain, MD

Dr. Jain is a founding partner and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of AppleCare Medical Management, LLC. He is a graduate of the University of Bombay and has completed residencies in Internal Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Jain is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, and holds fellowships in Hepatology from the University of Miami and in Gastroenterology at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He has held numerous leadership positions including Chairman of the Department of Medicine at St. Francis Medical Center and a board member at Downey Regional Medical Center Memorial Trust Foundation.

Children's Physicians Medical Group, San Diego, CA

Susan Bantz

Susan Bantz has served as the CEO of Children's Physicians Medical Group (CPMG) in San Diego for the past 10 years. With over 300 pediatricians and pediatric specialists throughout San Diego and southern Riverside and affiliated with Rady Children's Hospital San Diego, CPMG has grown from 22,000 pediatric members to over 71,000 under Susan's leadership. She's achieved this by strategically aligning with key community providers, recognizing market niche and continuing to capitalize on uniqueness, and contributing to the creation of an organization that has lead the way in pediatric contracting and management. Susan has held management and executive level positions with Blue Shield, Sharp Health Plan, Kaiser Permanente in Cleveland, John Deere Health Care, and MetLife.

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Tanya Dansky, MD

Dr. Dansky serves as the Medical Director for Children's Physicians Medical Group in San Diego. Prior to this administrative position, her career as a Pediatric Hospitalist at Rady Children's Hospital included direct patient care in the inpatient setting as well as a number of other clinical roles (child abuse consultant and medical director for the Medical Clinic at Juvenile Hall). Throughout her career, she has worked with the Children's Program at San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine where she currently serves as Assistant Medical Director. She completed her Pediatric Residency and Chief Residency at University of California, San Diego and prior to that, attended University of Southern California Medical School and earned a Bachelor's of Science in Physiology from University of California, Davis.

Desert Oasis Healthcare, Palm Springs, CA

Marc Hoffing, MD

As Medical Director of Desert Oasis Healthcare in Palm Springs, Dr. Hoffing has spent more than 18 years "in the trenches" of the management of managed health care. The organizations he leads have grown from a single medical group responsible for 16,000 patients to a combined multi-site medical group, multi-site immediate care and a fully formed Independent Physician Association with over 70,000 covered lives spanning one of every five citizens of the Coachella Valley. He is currently serving on a Health Net Quality Improvement Committee, Inter Valley Health Plan's 5 Star Committee, and SCAN's Quality Committee.

Lauren Beyeler, MBA, CPA

Lauren Beyeler has served as the Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Desert Oasis Healthcare since 2004. She is responsible for the integrity of the organization's financial services, including accounting, financial analysis, budgeting, claims management and NEXTGEN electronic health records, and practice management systems. Her extensive career includes a breadth of functional experience that includes finance and accounting, information services, human resources, underwriting, contracting and claims, and billing. Lauren has held management and executive level positions with FHP in Albuquerque, Ochsner Clinic, a 400+ multi-specialty physician group in New Orleans, and PrimeCare Medical Network and Physician Healthways in California.

Prospect Medical Systems, Santa Ana, CA

Daniel L. Frank, MHA/MPA

Daniel Frank currently serves as the CEO of Prospect Medical Systems in Santa Ana. He has been a senior executive with 28 years of diversified experience in all areas of health care management ranging from hospital systems, ancillary/alternate site delivery, physician practice management and HMO/PPO/IPA management. He has held senior executive positions in proprietary, non-profit and academic sectors of health care. He holds a MHA/MPA degree from University of Southern California.

Mitchell Lew, MD

Dr. Lew is the Chief Medical Officer at Prospect Medical Group. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees from University of Southern California. He is a board certified OB-GYN and worked in private practice for 10 years before founding a medical group (Genesis Healthcare) and serving as its President and CEO. He also serves on the CIGNA Physician Advisory Board and Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Community Health Clinics.

About CAPG

CAPG is committed to improving health care for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of health care delivery which focuses on coordinated treatment plans and comprehensive coverage, including the most current preventive services and exams. This allows physicians to focus on illness prevention and proactive management of patients in order to maintain their optimum level of health. www.capg.org.

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