



Harnett Health System

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Harnett Health System Announces the Appointment of the New Board of Trustees Members

Dunn, N.C. (May 9, 2011) Harnett Health System (HHS) recently seated a new Board of Trustees Members. Their positions are effective immediately. Members of the Board serve on an entirely volunteer basis, and receive no compensation for their services to the region.

Ken Bryan, Harnett Health System president and CEO said, “with the developing role of Harnett Health System, we are pleased to have obtained exceptionally well-qualified individuals from throughout the region. The members have specific areas of experience and expertise that will play a vital role in leading HHS in providing high quality healthcare to the residents of Harnett and surrounding counties.” Ken will be the CEO over the two hospital system and WakeMed remains the board selected manager.

In the 2005 HHS Certificate of Need application, HHS agreed to allow the County Commissions to choose a new HHS board of directors that included members from all across the county and beyond the county. Through a County Commissioner led process in 2007, the board was selected. The members have been serving on board committees since their selection.

The following HHS Board members were seated as the new board. Next to their name is the Harnett County district where they live unless they are at large members. Those who are officers of the board are so noted.

- Ernest J. Alphin, District 2, Treasurer of the Board
- Barbara Bethea, MD, District 1
- Dewey Blalock, District 4
- Teddy Byrd, District 3, Secretary of the Board
- West Lawson, MD, WakeMed representative
- Dr. Ronald Maddox, Chairman, at large
- Jim McCormick, District 5
- Donnie Olds, District 1
- Wiley Pope, District 2
- Cornelia Stewart, District 4, Vice Chairperson of the Board
- Walter Weeks, District 4
- Heather Williams, District 1
- Thomas Womble, District 4

The new 2011 HHS board bylaws call for the county commissioners to approve seven of the thirteen board members as their terms expire. The remaining members are selected by the HHS Board as their terms expire. As allowed through the HHS Certificate of Need, with WakeMed providing financial support to HHS, WakeMed has been given one board position. Thus the board is fully seated.

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The new board expresses their great appreciation to the immediate past board led by Chairman Ray Weeks. Ron Maddox stated, "The past board should be commended for their resolve to grow and expand healthcare services in Harnett County to better serve all the residents of the county. This new and bold step by HHS to build a new hospital in the central part of the county has happened by the dedication and leadership of the past board supported by their partners with the City of Dunn, WakeMed and the county of Harnett."

About Harnett Health

Harnett Health System is a private, not-for-profit health care organization based in Dunn, N.C. The system encompasses a network of health care facilities throughout Harnett and Johnston Counties, including a 101-bed full-service hospital in Dunn; out-patient rehab/wellness center in Benson; a family medicine practice in Angier; family medicine, OB/GYN and pediatrics practice in Lillington; and pediatric, OB/GYN and internal medicine practices in Dunn. Serving patients since 1940, the hospital has over 100 affiliated physicians and over 750 employees. For more information, visit our website at www.harnetthealth.org.

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