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VHQC Board of Directors Elects New Leadership

[Richmond, VA] – VHQC, a nonprofit health quality consulting company, announces the election of new leadership for its Board of Directors. John Michos, M.D., has been named Chairman; John O. Beckner, R.Ph. has been elected Vice Chairman; and Kenneth J. Walker, M.D., will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. VHQC serves as the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Virginia and leads Virginia HIT (VHIT), the statewide health information technology regional extension center.

Dr. Michos, of Locust Hill, joined the Board in 2009. A medical director for Anthem in Richmond, he previously practiced pulmonology and was ICU medical director at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital. Dr. Michos also has served as a medical director for VHQC's case review and quality improvement activities. He earned his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School, served a residency at Washington Hospital Center and held a fellowship at George Washington University Hospital. Dr. Michos is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a member of the Medical Society of Virginia.

Mr. Beckner, of Richmond, joined the Board in 2009. He is the Regional Pharmacy Manager for Martin's Food Market, whose 23 pharmacies were recognized with the American Pharmacists Association Pinnacle Award in 2008 and as Drug Topics Chain of the Year in 2006. He currently serves on the Virginia Board of Pharmacy and was its chair in 2006-2007. A graduate of Wake Forest University and the Medical College of Virginia School of Pharmacy, Mr. Beckner has been honored by the VCU Alumni Association as Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Walker, of Pearisburg, joined the Board in 2006. He is the Founder of Giles County Family Practice Center and previously served as the Medical Director of Riverview Nursing Home and Carilion Giles Memorial Intermediate Care Facility until 2004. His experience includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Medical Society of Virginia and as a VHQC peer reviewer. Dr. Walker is certified in Family Practice and Geriatrics by the American Board of Family Practice. He joined the VHQC Board in 2006.

About VHQC

For more than 25 years, VHQC has been leading the way to better health care for providers and other clients by offering expertise in quality improvement, utilization management, analytic services and health information technology support that improves patient outcomes — and often results in cost savings. For more information, please visit www.vhqc.org.

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