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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mary DeVeau Elected Chair of VNAA Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, April 22, 2013 – The [Board of Directors](#) of the [Visiting Nurse Associations of America](#) (VNAA) elected Mary B. DeVeau, RN, MSM, as its new Chair at VNAA's 31st Annual Meeting in Weston, FL.

"We are pleased to announce the election of Mary DeVeau as VNAA's Board Chair," said Tracey Moorhead, President and CEO of VNAA. "She brings exceptional leadership skills and knowledge of home health and hospice services. We believe she will serve the VNAA community well by continuing to develop innovative ways to grow the organization and guide the future of nonprofit home healthcare and hospice agencies."

Mary DeVeau has been the President and CEO of Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association in Concord, NH since 1997. She holds an associate degree in nursing from North Shore Community College in Beverly, MA; a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Emmanuel College in Boston, MA; and a master's degree from Lesley College School of Management, Cambridge, MA. DeVeau has more than fifteen years of senior management experience in visiting nurse associations and previously served as VNAA Board Vice-Chair.

"I am honored to be elected as VNAA Board Chair," DeVeau said. "As a member of the VNAA Board, I have seen the impressive work that has been accomplished by the Board, staff and VNAA members. I look forward to building upon VNAA's success as we increase our collaboration with partner organizations, support efforts to improve the quality of care being provided by our members, and continue to advocate for our members' patients, who rank among the nation's most vulnerable."

Lynn Jones, FACHE, President of Christiana Care VNA in New Castle, DE, stepped down after a two-year term as VNAA Board Chair. Jones was recognized at the Annual Meeting for his exemplary leadership during a time of transition at the VNAA. He will serve as Immediate Past Chair of the VNAA Board for one year.

"I enjoyed every minute of my time as Board Chair and have learned so much through this experience," said Jones. "I am very excited and optimistic about the future success of the VNAA under the strong leadership of Mary as Board Chair and Tracey as CEO."

In addition to DeVeau and Jones, Ellen Rothberg, RN, MPH, Mark Oshnock and Linnea Windel, RN, MSN, were also elected to serve as officers for the current term.

Ellen Rothberg will fill DeVeau's former office as Vice-Chair of the VNAA Board. Rothberg is President and CEO of VNA Healthcare, Inc. in Hartford, CT, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association for Home Care and Hospice (CAHCH), where she chairs the Government Relations Committee.

Mark Oshnock will retain the office of Treasurer for another term. Oshnock is President and CEO of Visiting Nurse Health System, Inc., an Atlanta-based agency that serves twenty thousand patients annually.

Linnea Windel will replace Rothberg as Secretary. Windel has served as the President and CEO of VNA Health Care in Aurora, IL, since 1999. Under her leadership, the organization has grown its operating revenue from six million dollars to sixteen million dollars annually.

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About VNAA: *VNAA is the national association that supports, promotes and advances nonprofit providers of home and community-based healthcare, hospice and health promotion services to ensure quality care for their communities. VNAA members share a mission to provide cost-effective and compassionate care to some of the nation's most vulnerable individuals, particularly the elderly and individuals with disabilities. To learn more, visit www.vnaa.org today.*