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CMSA Announces Incoming President, Officers, and Directors
Leaders Installed During CMSA's 19th Annual Conference & Expo

Little Rock, Arkansas / PR Newswire / July 7, 2009 -- The Case Management Society of America (CMSA) recently announced its incoming President and Board in Phoenix, Arizona, during CMSA's 19th Annual Conference & Expo held in June. Established in 1990, CMSA is an international non-profit 501(c)(6) multi-disciplinary professional association dedicated to the support and advancement of the case management profession.

CMSA's leadership and members are committed to the issues surrounding health care case managers and case management, defined in CMSA's Standards of Practice as:

"... a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation and advocacy for options and services to meet an individual's health needs through communication and available resources to promote quality cost-effective outcomes."

"With the new administration in Washington, the interest in health care reform, and the identification of care coordination as one of our nation's top priorities, now more than ever, it is an important time for case managers to bring their experience and knowledge to the table," said Margaret (Peggy) Leonard, MS, RN-BC, FNP, CMSA's new President. She further elaborated that "the new CMSA Board is dedicated to educating public officials, providers, and others about standards of practice and criteria for health care case management. CMSA's 13-member Board has many years of combined case management experience, and together we will strive to continue promoting CMSA as the voice of case managers in the coming year."

Jeff Frater, RN, BSN, Immediate Past-President said, "It was a fantastic year for me as President. The Board and I were able to complete a thorough analysis of our current governance structure and chart a course toward the future. The new Board will now begin the process of making that vision a reality. I'm delighted to have seen the revisions to the Standards of Practice that began prior to my term move into the final stages of public comment."

Along with heading up CMSA and its Board over the next 12 months, Ms. Leonard, CMSA's 2006 Case Manager of the Year (CMOY), will continue to serve as the Senior Vice President for Clinical Services at Hudson Health Plan (HHP). In addition to her many years of service on CMSA's Board of Directors, she founded its Public Policy Committee. Among her many other accomplishments, Ms. Leonard is a published author and producer/co-host of a national award-winning radio program. She also is nationally

recognized for her work in case management, certification, transitions of care, models of care, and motivational interviewing.

CMSA's new leadership for the next 12 months:

President:

Margaret Leonard, MS, RN-BC, FNP
Tarrytown, New York

President Elect:

Teri Treiger, RN-C, MA, CCM, CCP, CPUR
Holbrook, Massachusetts

Immediate Past President:

Jeff Frater, RN, BSN
Colbert, Washington

Vice President:

Betty Overbey, RN, CRRN, CDMS, CCM, CRP, MSCC
Richmond, Virginia

Secretary:

Cristina Walter, RN, MS, CCM, CCP
Fairfield, Ohio

Treasurer:

Connie Sunderhaus, RN-BC, CCM
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Executive Director (non-voting):

Cheri Lattimer, RN, BSN
Little Rock, Arkansas

Directors:

Margie Chu, RN, BSN, MPA, RNC, CCM, CPHQ
East Williston, New York

Kathleen Fraser, RN, MHA, CCM, CRRN
Katy, Texas

Terry Kelley, RN, BSN, PHN, CCM
Orangevale, California

Becky Perez, RN, CCM, CPUR, CPUM
High Ridge, Missouri

Melanie Ann Prince,
USAF, MSN, CCM, CMAC, CNA, PAHM
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Jose Alejandro, RN-BC, MSN, MBA, CCM, ACHE
Irving, Texas -- Chapter Presidents' Council Chair

About Case Management Society of America (CMSA)

Established in 1990, the Case Management Society of America is an international non-profit 501(c)(6) multi-disciplinary professional association dedicated to the support and advancement of the case management profession through educational forums, networking opportunities, legislative advocacy, and establishing standards to advance the profession. Based in Little Rock, AR, CMSA serves more than 20,000 members/subscribers and 73 affiliate and pending chapters. Since its inception, CMSA has been at the forefront of setting professional standards for the industry, which allows for the highest level of efficiency and integrity, as well as developing national and local leaders who are recognized for their practice and professional excellence. For more information, call CMSA at (501) 225-2229 or go to www.cmsa.org.