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DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER INSTALLS NEW BOARD OFFICERS

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce the installation of the following new officers of the Board of the Directors for the 2012 calendar year. Each officer will serve a one year term.

John Gast, Esq., a trust and estate attorney with Brennan, Manna & Diamond, will serve as President. Gast has been a devoted Board Member since 1998 and previously served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Gast has been practicing law for more than 20 years and also served as a professor at Edison Community College where he was named Professor of the Year.

Edward Sheridan, Ph.D., a semi-retired Clinical Psychologist and professor at the University of Houston, will serve as Immediate Past President. Sheridan has been a Board Member since 2005 and previously served as Secretary, Vice President, President and Chairman of the Clinical and Administrative Practices Committee. In addition to working in private practice for more than 25 years, Sheridan has nearly 20 years of mental health administrative experience including eight years as Chief of Psychiatry Outpatient Services and nine years as Professor and Chairman in Psychology at Northwestern University Medical School.

Pablo X. Veintimilla, Market President of Stonegate Bank, will serve as Vice President. Veintimilla has been a Board Member since 2007 and previously served as Secretary, Treasurer and as Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has over 20 years of experience in finance and accounting.

Brian V. McAvoy, Esq., a corporate and trust and estates attorney with Harter, Secrest and Emery, LLP, will serve as Treasurer. McAvoy has been a Board Member since 2010 and previously served as a member of the Finance and the Clinical and Administrative Practices Committee. He has been practicing law in Naples and New York for nearly 25 years and has served as the partner in charge of his firm's Naples location for more than 12 years.

Douglas Johnson, Ph.D., a retired senior executive in health administration, will serve as Secretary. He has been a Board Member since 2009 and has served as Chairman of the Clinical and Administrative Practices Committee. He was the President of Sentara Health Care System in Virginia where he managed more than 100 care giving sites including seven acute care hospitals and nearly 400 primary care and non-primary care specialty physicians. Johnson, a retired Rear Admiral, also served as Navy Assistant Surgeon General supervising the reserve medical component of the Navy and Marine Corps force. He is a graduate of Greater Naples Leadership, a member of First Presbyterian Church, and has served on a variety of healthcare related boards in Virginia.

The Board of Directors also includes the following members: Michael Benson, James Burkett, Catherine Fay, L. Patt Franciosi, Ph.D., Caryn Hacker-Buechel, Daniel R. Monaco, Esq., Robert Morantz, M.D., Richard Rice, Kelly Townsend, James Warnken, CPA, and Lieutenant George Welch.

David Lawrence Center is a not-for-profit, behavioral health agency that provides comprehensive, innovative mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. It is David Lawrence Center's mission to restore and rebuild the lives of all of those in need. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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