

Press Release

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NEW CEO JOINS THE HEALTH AUTHORITY

• SANTA BARBARA, CA 8:00 AM FEB. 6, 2006: Mr. R. Lyle Luman, FACHE has been appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority which administers the Medi-Cal program and several other publicly-funded health care plans serving the residents Santa Barbara County.

Prior to joining the Authority, Mr. Luman was Chief Operating Officer of the Washoe Health System in Reno, Nevada, a hospital-based integrated delivery system with net revenues in excess of \$800 million annually. Prior to that he served as the CEO for Ochsner Health Plan, a provider owned, state-wide Health Plan in New Orleans. A graduate of Wichita State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering, he also holds a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Nevada. Mr. Luman is Board Certified in Healthcare Management and is a

Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was awarded the ACHE Best Case Report of the Year (2004) for his report on "Developing a Strategic Contracting Strategy in an Integrated Delivery System".

He has served on the Board of the United Way of Northern Nevada as Vice Chair in 2003 and Chair in 2004. He also served on the boards of the Washoe Health Systems Services, Washoe Progressive Care Center, Hometown Health Partners, and the Hometown Health Providers Insurance Company.

He is a member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, active in the United States Tennis Association(USTA)and enjoys reading, fishing and spending time with his wife, Shara, and their two dogs, Tucker and SunnyGirl.