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RULON F. STACEY, PHD, FACHE, ELECTED CHAIRMAN-ELECT OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES

CHICAGO, March 20, 2010—Rulon F. Stacey, PhD, FACHE, president/CEO of Poudre Valley Health System, Fort Collins, Colo., has been elected Chairman-Elect of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Stacey took office today at the Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE's 53rd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. As Chairman-Elect, he will serve the first part of a three-year term in ACHE's consecutive chairmanship offices: Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Stacey has served as an ACHE Governor since 2007. He was the ACHE Regent for Colorado from 2004 to 2007. Stacey received ACHE's Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year in 1999.

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In addition to his work with ACHE, Stacey holds numerous board appointments, including chair of the Colorado Hospital Association Political Action Committee, member of its Compensation Committee and a member of the Medical Services Board of Colorado, to which he was appointed by the state's governor. He was chair of the board of directors of VHA Mountain States from 2006 to 2008; a member of the American Hospital Association's (AHA's) Board of Trustees Committee on Governance from 2004 to 2007; the Colorado delegate for the AHA Regional Policy Board from 2002 to 2005; and a member of the Colorado Hospital Association's Board of Directors from 1999 to 2005.

Stacey has been president/CEO of Poudre Valley Health System since 1996. Under Stacey's leadership, the health system received the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2008, one of only three organizations nationally and the only healthcare recipient in 2008. Prior to that, he was executive vice president/COO of St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, Blue Island, Ill., from 1994 to 1996; chief executive officer of St. Vincent General Hospital, Leadville, Colo., and Summit Medical Center, Frisco, Colo., from 1989 to 1994; and assistant administrator of Ninth Strategic Hospital, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., from 1986 to 1989.

He earned his doctoral degree in health policy from the University of Colorado at Denver and his master's degree in health administration and bachelor's degree in economics from Brigham Young University.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious FACHE[®] credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management, and its educational programs including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, as well as groundbreaking research, career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management including textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery.

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