NACo announces Health Dimensions Group as new Healthy Counties Initiative corporate partner

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board Chair Larry Johnson today announced that Health Dimensions Group has joined NACo’s Healthy Counties Advisory Board as a new corporate partner.

The Healthy Counties Advisory Board shapes the direction of the initiative and consists of 10 innovative corporate partners and 17 county leaders in health policy.

Launched in 2011, NACo’s Healthy Counties Initiative is a national effort to engage county officials and private sector partners to support and promote best practices within the many areas of health that counties are involved with, such as public health, county employee health coverage and direct care delivery services.

“We are pleased that Health Dimensions Group is joining the nation’s counties and our other corporate partners to help lead NACo’s Healthy Counties Initiative,” said Johnson, commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga. “The initiative aims to help counties find innovative and cost-effective ways to improve community health, enhance county employee wellness programs and support local health care delivery systems.”

Health Dimensions Group offers industry-leading expertise in consulting and management services to hospitals, health systems, and post-acute, long-term care, and senior living providers across the nation. Glen Roebuck, vice president of business development, said his company is excited to partner with the nation’s counties to improve individual and public health in our communities.

“We recognize that county elected officials balance many priorities in effectively leading their communities through challenging times,” says Roebuck. “The changing landscape of health care represents a tremendous opportunity, and we look forward to partnering with NACo and individual counties to further support health care innovation and reform.”

NACo’s Healthy Counties Initiative directly complements NACo President Lenny Eliason’s
“Healthy Counties” 2011-12 presidential initiative. Eliason is focusing on promoting healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country.

Eliason noted that county governments are instrumental to America’s healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services. Counties do this through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured. As employers, Eliason said, counties provide health insurance benefits to nearly three million county employees and their retirees nationwide.

For more information about the NACo Healthy Counties Initiative, visit the NACo website at http://www.naco.org/healthycountiesinitiative or contact Anita Cardwell at acardwell@naco.org or 202.942.4267.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.

Health Dimensions group provides consultation and management services for hospitals, health care systems, and senior health care providers throughout the United States. For more information on how Health Dimensions Group can serve your community’s health care needs, visit their website at www.healthdimensionsgroup.com, or contact Glen Roebuck at 763-537-5700.