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DON SOWELL CHOSEN AS A FUTURE LONG TERM CARE LEADER

HUMBLE, TX – The Texas Health Care Association (THCA) announced today that Don Sowell, Regional Director of Operations, South Texas Region for Nexion Health, has been chosen by the American Health Care Association (AHCA) and National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) as a future leader in long term care. Sowell’s responsibilities include working with the team at Humble Healthcare Center. Sowell will participate in AHCA/NCAL’s “Future Leaders of Long Term Care in America” symposium July 20 - 22, 2010 in Washington, D.C. The symposium kicks off a year-long program that offers training and guidance for long term care professionals who have demonstrated leadership potential and an aptitude for representing the interests of long term care providers at the state and national levels.

“By participating in this program, Don and the other members of our 2010 - 2011 Future Leaders class will be better prepared to serve vital roles within the association and on behalf of the entire profession,” commented AHCA/NCAL President & CEO Bruce Yarwood. “By honing their knowledge and leadership skills,” continued Yarwood, “these future leaders will surely help to advance quality and promote the profession’s mission of providing the highest quality, resident-centered care for frail, elderly, and disabled Americans.”

“Don is a valued member of the Texas Health Care Association Board of Directors, providing trusted expertise in long term care issues and an ongoing dedication in advocating for Texas’ seniors who rely upon quality nursing home care in our state,” said Tim Graves, President of THCA. “He is very deserving of his selection as a stand-out long term care professional, and we look forward to Don’s continued leadership in advancing quality care in Texas as he participates in this program.”

AHCA and NCAL are committed to taking a proactive role in creating opportunities for long term care leaders to improve their understanding of quality management systems, and to promote a culture of quality within their facilities.

“The overall quality of long term care will continue to improve as we cultivate strong, skilled leaders within the long term care profession,” stated Yarwood.

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Founded in 1950, the Texas Health Care Association (THCA) is the largest long term care association in Texas. THCA represents a broad spectrum of long term care providers and professionals offering long term, rehabilitative and specialized health care services. Member facilities, owned by both for-profit and non-profit entities, include nursing facilities, specialized rehabilitation facilities, and assisted living facilities.

The American Health Care Association (AHCA)/National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) represents nearly 11,000 non-profit and proprietary facilities dedicated to continuous improvement in the delivery of professional and compassionate care provided daily by millions of caring employees to 1.5 million of our nation’s frail, elderly and disabled citizens who live in nursing facilities, assisted living residences, subacute centers and homes for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. For more information, please visit www.ahcancal.org.