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2013 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO JOHN GEORGE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Guy Qvistgaard Honored by Alameda County Mental Health Board May 1st

San Leandro, CA – Alameda Health System (AHS) today announced John George Psychiatric Hospital Administrator, Guy Qvistgaard, will be awarded Alameda County Mental Health Board's (MHB) Community Service Award on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 5 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center at 13909 E. 14th Street. The MHB's Community Service Awards are given to mental health consumers, family members, volunteers, professionals, businesses, media, and other groups who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of individuals who have been and continue to be affected by mental illness.

"I'm proud to receive this award because it validates the collective effort of our staff to bring dignity and wellness to residents affected by mental health issues," Administrator Qvistgaard said. "It means we've been successful toward our goal of making life better for these individuals. As Alameda Health System enters a new era, we're focused on continuing to provide the highest level of care and concern possible."

Award recognition is given for mental health education of the general public, elimination of stigma, preventing or fighting housing discrimination, creation of new and innovative programs, recognition of fundraising for mental health activities, recognition of long-term financial support to mental health programs, provisions of community support activities emphasizing mental health, facilitating others through advocacy or intervention, or working for new mental health legislation.

For more information about Guy Qvistgaard and John George Psychiatric Hospital, please visit their website at www.johngeorgeahs.org or call (510) 346-7500. For more information about Alameda County Mental Health Board and the 2013 Community Service Awards, please visit www.acbhcs.org or call (510) 567-8100.

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About Alameda Health System (AHS)

Alameda Health System (AHS), formerly Alameda County Medical Center (ACMC), a major public health care provider headquartered in Oakland, California, is recognized as a world-class patient and family centered system of care. Its mission – caring, healing, teaching and serving all – sums up the AHS core objectives to promote wellness and eliminate disparities within the diverse communities it serves in Alameda County. As a regional and national leader in health care safety and excellence, AHS aims to optimize the health of all Alameda County residents by multiplying access points to its best-in-class care.

AHS creates positive patient experiences. Service and community engagement are a priority and the system offers programs that deliver value to individuals across all patient populations regardless of their social or economic status. Quality, financial strength and development of the workforce are also system hallmarks that ensure continual improvement to every aspect of our reach in the community.

A major economic force in Alameda County, AHS employs nearly 3,000 people including over 500 physicians at six facilities. These include Highland Hospital, a major regional trauma center and teaching hospital, John George Psychiatric Hospital, an acute and emergency care facility in San Leandro, California; Fairmont Hospital, an acute rehabilitation hospital and skilled nursing facility, also in San Leandro; and four ambulatory wellness centers in Oakland as well as in Newark and Hayward, California.