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## **WNCAP Has Four New Board Members**

Asheville, NC (January 22, 2009) – Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP) has named four new members to its board of directors. They are Angeleigh Dorsey, Pam Siekman, Linda Taylor, and Franklin Courson.

Dorsey, Siekman and Taylor were elected to three-year terms on the board of WNCAP, the primary provider of services and support to persons with HIV/AIDS in 12 Western North Carolina counties. WNCAP also serves as the primary source of education and information about HIV/AIDS to the general public.

Dorsey is a senior managing attorney with the Asheville office of Legal Aid of North Carolina and the statewide senior practice group manager of Legal Aid of North Carolina. A career Legal Aid staff member, Dorsey has focused her practice on benefits law and elder law. She serves on the Mayor's Committee for Citizens with Disabilities.

Siekman moved to Asheville almost two years ago from Washington, DC, where she was a corporate consultant for strategic planning. In Asheville and Washington, she has been active in HIV/AIDS advocacy and most recently was the chairperson for the World AIDS Day observance in Asheville. As part of that observance in late November, Siekman spearheaded bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Asheville for the first time.

Taylor is an assistant vice president with First Citizens Bank, having spent most of her career in banking. She moved to Asheville in 1985 and has been involved in a number of organizations, including RiverLink as a board member, the Downtown Association, United Way and Chamber of Commerce.

Courson, elected as an ex-officio member to a one-year term on the board, has an extensive background in health services and has served as a volunteer on several WNCAP committees.

Rotating off the WNCAP board were Dr. Robert Eaton, Randall C. Hall, and Lisa Wheeler.

The mission of WNCAP, founded in 1986, is to provide HIV-related services to the people of Western North Carolina through client services, prevention education and outreach in a collaborative and financially responsible manner.

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