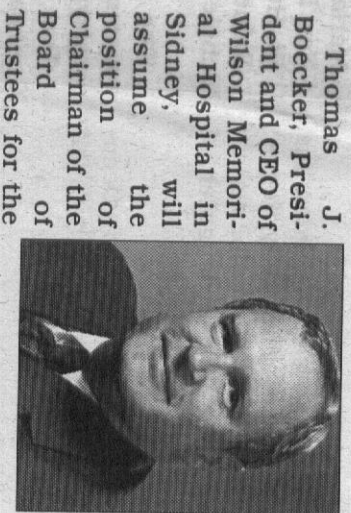


Wilson Memorial CEO to chair regional board



Thomas J. Boecker, President and CEO of Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney, will assume the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the

Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) effective January 1. Boecker has served as Vice Chair of the Board for two years. He succeeds GDAHA Chairman Bill Thornton, CEO of Miami Valley Hospital who is retiring from the hospital industry.

Boecker will serve a 2-year term and will preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the members of the Association and assume the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of GDAHA. Additional 2006 officers include: Andrew McCulloch of Community Mercy Health Partners in Springfield, chairman-elect; Roy Chew of Grandview and Southview Hospitals, treasurer; Mary Boosalis of Miami Valley Hospital, secretary; David Meek, stroph of Upper Valley Medical Center, past chairman; and Bryan Bucklew,

President & CEO of GDAHA.

Bucklew, who was selected to head GDAHA in September, looks forward to working with Boecker on a number of initiatives. Bucklew stated, "With Tom leading the Board, GDAHA will continue its focus on the delivery of quality care throughout the region and serve as resource on healthcare issues to the community, businesses and elected officials."

As a hospital CEO, Boecker understands the challenges of today's healthcare environment. "One of our goals is to work with higher education in developing programs to train healthcare providers for the future," Boecker said. Other key issues facing hospitals today are providing healthcare to the uninsured as well as an aging population, the declining reimbursement to hospitals for services from the government and the private sector, and the demand for advanced and expensive technology that will require more health care resources than ever before. "I will assist Bryan in proactively communicating and facilitating positive public healthcare policy that supports our members in delivering quality health care by working with legislators and key community stake-

holders throughout our entire region," said Boecker.

Boecker has held the position of President & CEO of Wilson Memorial since 1997. He held various administrative positions at the hospital since 1973 and served as Vice President Operations from 1990 to 1997. Tom received an M.B.A. degree with concentration in hospital administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati and Prior to that he earned a B.S. Degree from the University of Detroit. Boecker is a Diplomat of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). An active member of his community, he is a member of Rotary, the United Way Board and Special Olympics. He and his wife, Sondra, reside in Sidney and have two grown daughters.

The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) is a service organization representing 21 hospitals and health systems in the greater Dayton area. GDAHA collaborates with its members to improve the delivery of health care services in this region. GDAHA offers value-added services that help members improve operating efficiency and maintain quality standards.