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**FORMER STATE LEGISLATOR VOTED TO LEAD COUNTY HOSPITAL TRUSTEES**  
**Broadlawns Board Elects Metcalf As 2010 Chair**

**DES MOINES, Iowa (Jan 6, 2010)** -- The **Broadlawns Medical Center Board of Trustees** elected **Janet S. Metcalf** as chairperson for 2010. A six-year veteran on the board, Metcalf was appointed in December 2003 to fill a vacant seat, and was then elected to a six-year term in December 2004. Her current term as a Broadlawns trustee runs through December 2010.

Metcalf takes the reins as the board achieves a third consecutive year of fiscal stability, while facing the challenge of significant increases in uncompensated care.

Metcalf served nine terms in the Iowa House of Representatives until her retirement in 2002. She served as chair for several House committees including Commerce and Regulation, State Government, Administrative Rules Review, and the Economic Development Appropriation Sub-committee.



"I gained a valuable understanding of the governing of a public institution during my eighteen years as a member of the Iowa General Legislature," said Metcalf. "Broadlawns plays such a critical role in the delivery of high-quality health services in Polk County, and I intend to make the Broadlawns story a familiar one to the citizens as we work diligently to earn their respect and support. The board is also committed to the task of completing the modernization of the site and facilities plan begun in 2008."

The board voted Past Chair Jean Logan, R.N., Ph.D. as vice chair for 2010, Dave Harkness as treasurer and Mary Fuller as secretary. Metcalf also serves as chair of the board's

Government Relations and Advisory Committee and as a member of the Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Today Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services
- A Family Medicine Residency Program that graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties