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**Change in Leadership of the Hawai`i Uninsured Project
Susan Au Doyle Appointed as Chair of The Leadership Group**

HONOLULU (July 28, 2004) -- The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Au Doyle as Chair of The Leadership Group for the Hawai`i Uninsured Project (HUP). Susan replaces Dr. Ginny Pressler who served as HUP's founding chair and was recently promoted to Vice President of Service Line Development for Hawaii Pacific Health.

The Hawai`i Uninsured Project's primary mission is to develop policy options to improve access to health care services for all Hawaii residents. The project is presently focused on developing options for those who are working but do not have health insurance or lack access to affordable health care services. The HUP's leadership group includes representatives from key business, community, health care industry, labor, and government organizations, who have been diligently working for over two years on this effort.

"While we are sad to lose Ginny's long-standing participation, Susan has been an engaged member on our Leadership Group and brings her diverse experience as an administrator and leader," said Laurel Johnston, Executive Director, Hawai`i Uninsured Project. "Susan works with compassion and commitment in support of many of the same constituent groups that the Hawai`i Uninsured Project is intended to impact. We are very appreciative that she has accepted this position, especially in light of the myriad demands of her existing work on behalf of our community."

Doyle presently serves as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Aloha United Way. She joined Aloha United Way in March 2001 to lead the Community Building division. Prior to coming to AUW, Doyle served as president and CEO of the YWCA of O`ahu and deputy director of the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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