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**“WestCare adds new Officers and Members  
To its California Board of Directors”**

WestCare California, the valleys’ largest provider of human and social services is proud to announce its new officers and board members. WestCare welcomes two new members to its board who have great professional experience and also strong civic ties to the local communities that WestCare serves.

The board of directors for WestCare California consist of the following individuals;

**Mr. John Wallace**, Chair.  
**Mr. Hal McKinney**, Secretary  
**Mr. Toussaint Streat, MD**, Vice Chair  
**Mr. Tanner Tingly**, Board Member (former chair).  
**Mrs. Doris Michaux** (Emeritus Board Member)

Joining this dynamic team are two new members:

**Ms. Dora Jones** (Board Member)  
**Mrs. Teri Mason** (Board Member)

The WestCare California Board of Directors are tasked with oversight of one of the larger non-profit human and social services agencies in the valley and its budget of \$31 million dollar annually. The board guides the organization and its 270 plus employees in implementing the mission of the organization. Additional duties for the Board of Directors includes establishing organization policy, reviewing and evaluating the performance of the agency, promoting the family of services in the communities served, as well as marshalling fund raising efforts to support those programs.

WestCare California currently has services in Fresno, Kings, Kern, Riverside, Sacramento, and San Diego Counties and services over 24,000 individuals annually. Some of those services offered by WestCare include:

- Men's Residential Drug Treatment
- Women and Children Residential Drug Treatment
- Therapeutic Childcare For Meth Exposed Children
- School and community-based substance abuse prevention
- Street outreach
- Subsidized Housing (HOPWA)
- In custody women and children drug treatment program.
- Vocational, educational and family support services
- Health Education/Prevention
- Case Management
- Sober-Living Environment
- Mental Health Services
- Ryan White-HIV/AIDS Services
- Food Pantry Program
- Community Outreach/Education
- Veteran's Services (San Joaquin Valley Veterans)
- In Prison Substance Abuse Services
- Drop-In Centers (for youth, for vets, for persons with HIV).
- Behavioral Studies-Education and training.

**John Wallace, Chair**



John Wallace has been a member of the WestCare California and Foundation boards for many years, beginning as a volunteer with the then-Third Floor program in Fresno in the early 1980s.

Currently Public Affairs Officer for the City of Fresno, John spent 5 decades in the radio and television news industry as an anchor, reporter and producer.

He serves as chairman of the Bulldog Foundation board of directors at Fresno State and has chaired successful bond campaigns for several local school districts.

An 8-year member of the Clovis Planning Commission, John was the recipient of that community's "Citizen of the Year" award and is a past recipient of leadership Fresno's "Alumnus of the Year" honor.

**Mr. Toussaint Streat, MD, Vice Chair**



Doctor Streat, finds time in his busy schedule to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. Dr. Streat is a physician at Kaiser Permanente in Fresno, and was honored with an African American Heritage Award for his work as a WestCare Board Member and volunteer by Assembly Member Juan Arambula's 31<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Office in 2007.

**Hal McKinney, Secretary/Treasurer**



Former Fresno County Sheriff Hal McKinney currently serves as Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of Directors. Mr. McKinney brings years of strong leadership and fiscal management experience to the team from his years as a public servant.

Mr. McKinney is also known to many for his work as a professor in the Criminology Department at Fresno State.

**Tanner Tingly, Board Member**

Tanner Tingly is a former Chair for the Board. Mr. Tingly is currently a part of the team at True North Properties, where his commercial real estate brokerage and development for the last 20 years have assisted the agency in its growth. Mr. Tingly graduated from UCLA in 1987 with his Bachelor of Arts in Economics. In addition to his volunteer service to WestCare, Mr. Tingly is also volunteers with St. Paul Newman Center and St. Agnes Men’s Club.

**Dora Jones, Board Member**



Ms. Dora Jones is one of the two new members to the WestCare California Board. Ms. Jones retired from public service after 23 years as a Deputy Probation Officer with the County of Fresno.

Ms. Jones never one to shy away from service has found other outlets to give back to the community. In addition to serving on the WestCare Board, she is also is a member of the Tribal Council of the Picayne Rancheria of the Chuckchansi Indians. She has previously held the post of Vice Chair for the Tribal Council. Ms. Jones also serves on Board of Directors of the Chukchansi Economic Development Authority.

Ms. Jones is an Alumni of Fresno State where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology.

**Teri Mason, Board Member**



Mrs. Teri Mason is the newest member of the WestCare California Board. Mrs. Mason is veteran of the first Persian Gulf War. After finishing her career in the United States Navy, Mrs. Mason embarked on a career that would allow her to continue to assist her comrades in arms. Mrs. Mason has been employed with VA Central California Health Care System for over 12 years.

In addition to her work at the VA, she is also involved as a Woman Veteran’s Representative participating in various veterans’ service organizations such as Disabled American Veterans (DAV), San Joaquin Valley Veterans (SJVV), and the VA Women’s Color Guard. Mrs. Mason is a graduate of Fresno Pacific University with degree in Management and Organization Development with Honors.

WestCare is proud to welcome it new members and officers, as it prepares to celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> year of providing life changing services to our communities. With this professional, diverse, and experienced group at the forefront WestCare looks forward to fulfilling its mission of *“Uplifting the Human Sprit”*.

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