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**United Hospital District Welcomes New Trustees to Board of Directors**  
*One District Representative, One Director Named*

**Blue Earth, MN – February 27, 2019** – United Hospital District (UHD) has welcomed two new Trustees of the Board of Directors of United Hospital District, Inc. The candidates were nominated by the Nominating and Governance Committee to three-year terms, which were approved and became effective in January 2019.

“We are pleased to welcome these individuals to the UHD Board of Directors, said Rick Ash, CEO-UHD. They are highly respected in their professions and have a strong commitment to the people and communities we serve. Their leadership and professional expertise will be a great benefit to UHD in all that we do to continue our growth and evolve as a quality healthcare system.”

**Ryan Millbrandt, PharmD**, has been selected as District Representative to the Board. Ryan is a pharmacist and co-owner of Blue Earth Drug in Blue Earth, MN. Ryan also served on the Chamber of Commerce board and is a volunteer firefighter for the City of Blue Earth. He is married to Erin, who is also a pharmacist, and lives south of Blue Earth. Ryan has served on the UHD Governing Board since October 2015.

**Chase Brandt** has been selected as a Director of the Board of Directors. Originally from Ledyard, Iowa, Chase and his wife, Tomarah, have been residents of Blue Earth for almost 10 years. They have three young children in the BEA school system. Chase is a local financial advisor with Edward Jones and his wife works as the resident care coordinator and assistant director of nursing at a nearby nursing home. Of his new position with the Board, Chase said he appreciates what the hospital offers to the area and how the entire UHD staff contributes to providing quality care. He added that he recognizes the crucial role played by our local service providers.

The Board of Directors of United Hospital District, Inc. operates with the primary responsibility to develop and follow UHD's mission and vision. This involves development and oversight of policy in quality and performance improvement, financial performance, effective planning and effective management. The current members include:

**Larry Anderson**, Chair

**Wyatt Rollenhagen**, Vice Chair

**Douglas L. Johanson**, Treasurer

**Melanie Humburg**, Secretary

**Chase Brandt**

**Crystal Hanson**

**Aaron Johnson, MD**

**Bob Karp, MD**

**Ryan Milbrandt, PharmD**