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**Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA)
Names New Members to Board of Directors**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 1, 2007 – The Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA), the nation's leading grassroots advocacy organization working to advance public policies that prevent suicide, today announced the election of five new members to its national board of directors.

“SPAN USA is pleased to have such outstanding people join our board and we look forward to the expertise and dedication they will bring to the important cause of suicide prevention,” said Jerry Reed, SPAN USA executive director.

Board Chairman Sean Gerow said SPAN USA continues to be a leading national organization dedicated to suicide prevention. “The new board members are joining a dedicated board of national leaders and I look forward to further expanding the outreach of SPAN USA to suicide survivors, policy-makers and the general public to continue to reduce the number of lives lost to suicide,” Gerow said.

New members of the SPAN USA Board of Directors include the following individuals:

- **Charles Curie**, of Rockville, Md., is a social worker currently working as a private consultant. He is the former administrator of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the former deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He served as a CEO of community mental health agencies in Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- **Melinda Moore** of Leesburg, Va., is a suicide research coordinator at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a PhD student in Clinical Psychology at Catholic University of America. She has also been a part-time special projects officer for SPAN USA.
- **Leslie Scallet** of Washington, D.C., is a lawyer and consultant, and has also been a member of the SPAN USA National Advisory Council. Scallet is a former senior vice president of the Lewin Group and executive director of the nonprofit Mental Health Policy Resource Center.

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- **Frederick (Tripp) Shreves** of Washington, D.C., is a senior vice president for Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and provides strategic planning and investment strategies for nonprofit and endowments clients.
- **Gerald (Wayne) Talcott**, of San Antonio, Texas, is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. As a psychologist, Talcott is currently deployed to Iraq where he is the Deputy Group Commander of the Air Force Theater Hospital and at home he serves as Commander of the 59th Mental Health Squadron at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

These new members of SPAN USA's board replace outgoing board members Maury Lieberman of Washington, D.C., Patrick Sanchez of Berthoud, Colo., and Jeff Connaughton of Washington, D.C. Reed thanked the outgoing members for their years of service and dedication to preventing suicide.

In addition, four members were appointed to continue serving on the board: Heidi Bryan of Phoenixville, Pa., Franklin Cook of Rapid City, S.D., Sean Joe of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Sharon Smith of Pendleton, Ore.

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SPAN USA is the nation's only suicide prevention organization dedicated to leveraging grassroots support among suicide survivors and others to advance public policies that prevent suicide. Since its founding nine years ago, SPAN USA has led the drive to make suicide a public health priority by building political will and calling for the development and implementation of a national strategy for suicide prevention. Using its extensive grassroots network of survivors and advocates, SPAN USA has actively promoted the cause on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures. For more information, please visit www.spanusa.org.

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