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MINNEAPOLIS, May 6, 2012 -- WATCH—the Hennepin County-based volunteer court monitoring organization—will restructure this month in response to new challenges and opportunities.

The transition will become effective May 24<sup>th</sup> when a number of staff responsibilities will shift to its board of directors and large volunteer base. The changes are being implemented in response to altered financial donation patterns and are inspired by a commitment to refocus its mission.

“As WATCH transitions to a new, leaner model, we will miss the contributions of our staff, who have been profoundly effective and committed to WATCH’s mission,” says WATCH board chair Joan Peterson.

“We have been fortunate to have community support, significant foundation grants, and a dedicated group of volunteers and individual donors during our first twenty years, which supported us becoming a national leader among court monitoring organizations. Like other non-profits, however, we have been affected by the changing funding landscape and are making these changes to keep our mission strong.” We appreciate your support as the transition progresses.

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