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McCreary/ Alonsa Health Centre

## Media Release

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### McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre transfer operations

**McCreary-** McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre and the Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) have finalized an agreement that saw the affiliated health board transfer existing operations to the PRHA. This followed a unanimous motion of the McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre Board to transfer their operations to the PRHA.

The Parkland Regional Health Authority Board supports the transfer to the PRHA, initiated by the McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre Board. They have been full and cooperative partners in the delivery of health services to Parkland Region and for that we sincerely thank them,+stated Mary Hudyma, Chairperson of the PRHA Board.

McCreary/Alonsa Health Centre Board Chairperson Carrie Walker says transferring operations to the PRHA is a positive move and takes into consideration the best interests of area residents.

The McCreary/Alonsa Health Board believes transferring operations to the PRHA makes sense at this time. We are confident the PRHA will continue to work in an open and transparent way with residents and stakeholders in our area as we go forward,+ Walker stated.

Kevin McKnight, Chief Executive Officer of the PRHA, says residents of the area should be proud of the dedicated affiliate Board members who have served over the years.

The McCreary/Alonsa Health Board has been a part of the governance structure for a very long time and we acknowledge it wasn't an easy decision for them. We respect it and take seriously our obligation to work towards the best possible health and wellness for all of our residents,+McKnight stated.

A public meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the McCreary Community Centre to share information surrounding the PRHA's six Strategic Directions.

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