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Parkland Regional Health Authority announces new CEO

Dauphin- A new Chief Executive Officer has been appointed for Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA). Kevin McKnight was the unanimous choice of the PRHA Board of Directors, following an extensive candidate selection and interview process during the past two months. Board Chairperson Mary Hudyma says Mr. McKnight has been a member of the PRHA's senior executive team, as Vice-President of Corporate Services, since March 2008.

We are very pleased with Kevin's excellent leadership qualities and professional experience which will assist him greatly in the opportunities and challenges that this new position presents. We are confident, that with Kevin's guidance, the PRHA will move forward on its six Strategic Directions, as well as continue its dedicated focus on the provision of safe patient, resident and client care,+stated Hudyma.

Mr. McKnight has held a number of key senior positions in the public and private sector. He was Secretary Treasurer of Turtle Mountain School Division in Killarney, Manitoba for eleven years. He has also held senior financial positions, including senior audit and analyst responsibilities, with Canada Revenue Agency.

In the role of Vice-President Corporate Services with the PRHA, Kevin's responsibilities included managing the areas of finance, maintenance, information technology, materials, capital planning and support services.

Kevin is presently enrolled in a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Program at Laurentian University and also has achieved his Certified General Accountant Designation (CGA) from the CGA Association in Winnipeg.

In addition to his work experience, Kevin is active in the volunteer sector. He was the Chairman of the Promise Years Partnership, which involves a multi-department coalition providing Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech Language Therapy, and Parent Services to children in the Southwest area of Manitoba. Other past and present volunteer activities include involvement with 4-H, Southwest Community Options, and Manitoba Association of School Business Officials.

Mr. McKnight and his wife Gloria have two children. His appointment as Chief Executive Officer takes effect August 10, 2009. He replaces Allan Bradley, who has accepted a senior position with Alberta Health Services in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

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