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**Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services  
Hires New Chief Executive Officer**

LENEXA, Kan. (July 1, 2009)—Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, an integrated healthcare delivery system serving Northwestern New Mexico and Eastern Arizona, recently hired Karen Lautermilch to fill the role of chief executive officer. A seasoned executive with more than 15 years of experience in healthcare leadership, Lautermilch will assume her duties at Rehoboth McKinley on July 27, 2009.

“Karen has an impressive financial acumen combined with exceptional team building and communications skills,” said Eric Begay, chairman of the board, Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services. “Her proven ability to form trusting partnerships with employees, physicians, patients and their families, as well as members of the community will take our organization to the next level.”

Prior to joining Rehoboth McKinley, Lautermilch served as the chief patient officer for Highline Medical Center, a 270-bed, two-campus medical facility in Seattle, Wash. Her career has included executive leadership positions at St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan, Wis., and Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wausau, Wis. Lautermilch holds a master’s in business administration from the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland, and a master’s in nursing from the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada.

Located in Gallup, New Mexico, Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services consists of a 69-bed, full-service, Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospital; three outpatient clinics; hospice, home health and behavioral health services.

“Rehoboth McKinley was seeking a leader with extensive experience in finance and service development, but who also offered a clinical background and a demonstrated commitment to outstanding patient care,” said Kathy Noland, RN, Ph.D., senior vice president of executive search for B. E. Smith, the leadership solutions firm who conducted the nationwide CEO search for Rehoboth McKinley and placed an interim

chief executive at the facility until the right permanent candidate was found. “Karen’s career history and educational background, as well as her passion for quality and a long-term strategic vision, made her a perfect fit.”

*About Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services:*

RMCHCS is an integrated delivery system providing care for Northwestern New Mexico and Eastern Arizona. Today’s facility—which consists of a 69-bed, acute care hospital; three outpatient clinics; and hospice, home health and behavioral health services—continues a history of healthcare that dates back to the early 1900s. As a private, faith-based, not-for-profit healthcare system, RMCHCS is committed to improving the health and wellness of the community and individuals it serves. For more information, visit [www.rmch.org](http://www.rmch.org).

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