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## **CONTINUUM HEALTH PARTNERS NAMES NEW CORPORATE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Eric “Rick” Pogue**, a nationally recognized leader in human resources management, will be joining Continuum Health Partners as Corporate Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer, effective July 5, 2011. Continuum is the sixth-largest private employer in the New York metropolitan area, with over 15,000 employees.

Mr. Pogue comes to Continuum with over 35 years of experience leading human resources initiatives at nationally and internationally renowned corporations in a wide variety of industries, including health care. He enjoys an outstanding reputation in many key areas including strategic planning, training and development, recruitment, succession management, compensation and benefits, leadership development, labor management and cultural diversity.

Prior to joining Continuum, Mr. Pogue had been serving for the past three years as Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Kaleida Health, the largest health care provider in Western New York, which includes five hospital locations and numerous community health care centers. From 2003 until 2007, he held the position of Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer for the American Red Cross at their national headquarters in Washington, DC. Rick also served in senior HR positions in a number of manufacturing and other large complex organizations.

An alumnus of Heidelberg College, Mr. Pogue earned a Master’s Degree in Personnel Management from Bowling Green State University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The United Way of Buffalo & Erie County and the William Appling Singers Orchestra, following his passion for music. He also is a member of The Society for Human Resource Management and The Human Resource Planning Society.

“We are delighted to welcome Rick to the Continuum leadership team,” said Gail F. Donovan, the hospital system’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating officer. “He brings to us a tremendous wealth of information and experience in all aspects of human resource management. We look forward to his contributions in the years ahead.”

### **About Continuum Health Partners**

Continuum Health Partners was created in January 1997 as the parent company for the partnership between four distinguished voluntary hospitals: Beth Israel Medical Center-Milton and Carroll Petrie Division, Beth Israel Medical Center-Kings Highway Division, St. Luke’s Hospital and Roosevelt Hospital. Building upon the strength of these

institutions, Continuum began the development of a broad-based, integrated health services network extending throughout the New York metropolitan region. Within two years, Long Island College Hospital of Brooklyn, located in the Brooklyn Heights/Cobble Hill section, and The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, located on Second Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan and the oldest specialty hospital in the Western Hemisphere, joined the Continuum family, broadening the influence of each member institution and the partnership as a whole.

Today, Continuum has an annual operating budget of over \$3 billion and delivers inpatient care in six major hospital facilities in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The Continuum network also encompasses ambulatory health centers and group and private practice settings throughout the New York metropolitan region. Continuum operates more than 2,700 certified beds; provides for over 650,000 days of inpatient care and over 1.3 million outpatient visits; has more than 4,500 affiliated physicians; and a work force of over 15,500 individuals, making it the sixth largest private employer in the New York metropolitan region.