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***ST. LOUIS INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK NAMES
NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER***

(St. Louis, MO.) – The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Integrated Health Network (IHN) has selected Bethany A. Johnson as its new Chief Executive Officer effective June 1, 2009. IHN is a collaborative effort of the region’s major primary and specialty care safety net health care providers to improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care for uninsured and underinsured St. Louis area residents. In her new role, Johnson will serve as the liaison among the region’s health providers to help transform the health care safety net system. “I become CEO at an exciting time,” says Johnson. “I plan to have IHN serve as the focal point for meaningful change in the areas of shared information systems, community-based service initiatives, and other new opportunities to improve health care in the region.”

Johnson possesses over ten years of experience working and volunteering for non-profit organizations that serve disadvantaged populations. Prior to her new position, she was Chief of Staff for the St. Louis Regional Health Commission, where she directed the Eastern Region Behavioral Health Initiative. Johnson was also the Study Director for the Special Advisory Committee on St. Louis Public Schools, which was co-chaired by Dr. William H. Danforth and Attorney Frankie M. Freeman.

Johnson has received several health care awards. Most notably, the National Association of Mental Illness recognized her with the “Outstanding Civic Leader Award” for transforming the region’s behavioral health system. As Director of Marketing and

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Community Relations for Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital in East St. Louis, Johnson received the “Access to Equal Justice Award” presented by the Washington University School of Law Clinical Education Program.

Johnson is a licensed Evangelist Missionary in the Church of God in Christ denomination. In addition to her missionary license, she holds a Bachelor of Science in International Business Management from Missouri State University and a Masters in Social Work from Washington University Brown School of Social Work.

Johnson succeeds Brooke Sehy, who is stepping down from her role as Chief Executive Officer to spend more time with her family. Sehy has seven years experience implementing large scale change in the St. Louis health care market. During her tenure and under her leadership Sehy was responsible for the planning and implementation of a health information system across the region’s community health centers and hospital emergency departments, and was instrumental in developing a new spirit of collaboration across all safety net providers in the St. Louis region.

IHN members provide over 400,000 primary care encounters to the uninsured and underinsured each year. IHN members include Betty Jean Kerr People’s Health Centers, Crider Health Center, Family Care Health Centers, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Centers, St. Louis ConnectCare, St. Louis County Department of Health, St. Louis University School of Medicine and Washington University School of Medicine.

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