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Peak Vista Community Health Centers Announces New Vice President of Behavioral Health

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) proudly announces Sherri Sharp, Ph.D. as the Vice President of Behavioral Health for the Pikes Peak and East Central regions.

Integrating Behavioral Health (BH) care into primary care has occurred for over two decades, but has rapidly increased of late as the evidence for “whole-person” health care to improve patient outcomes, reduce costs and improve BH access mounts. Peak Vista has been a State leader in piloting integrated care in the Pikes Peak community with the integration of behavioral health providers throughout the organization. Nearly 43,000 depression screens were administered over the past thirteen months, improving early detection and intervention for the most prevalent mental health condition.

“Mental illness is experienced by one in five Americans, yet almost 60% of American adults with these conditions do not receive treatment,” shared Chief Medical and Dental Officer, Dr. Michael D. Welch, “Peak Vista is committed to helping fill the gap between those who need treatment and those who receive it.”

As part of that commitment and in her new role, Dr. Sharp will focus on the continued expansion of Peak Vista’s integrated health model for behavioral health designed to improve the overall well-being of our patients. “I am excited to be part of such a forward thinking organization,” shared Dr. Sharp. “Peak Vista recognizes that both medical and behavioral health factors are important parts of a person’s overall health. This whole-person approach is a rapidly emerging shift in the practice of high-quality health care.

Dr. Sharp completed her undergraduate and master’s degrees from Indiana University Northwest and went on to graduate from Ball State University with her Ph.D. in Psychology in 2004. Dr. Sharp is passionate about the way Peak Vista strives to provide exceptional care to individuals who may not otherwise be able to access health care. Dr. Sharp specializes in behavioral health changes and coping with chronic health conditions and accomplishes these with short-term, solution-focused intervention.

In her spare time, Dr. Sharp enjoys spending time with her family and loves to explore new places.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 92,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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