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RCMC HOME HEALTH AND HOPSICE NAMES NEW AGENCY DIRECTOR

LEBANON, VA: Russell County Medical Center's Home Health and Hospice has recently named Pat Smith as Agency Director. Smith's appointment follows the promotion of previous director Karen Fields to the position of Regional Director for Community Health Systems (CHS) the parent company of both Russell County Medical Center and RCMC Home Health and Hospice.

According to Karen Fields, CHS Regional Director, Smith's promotion to Agency Director will help strengthen the quality of the agency's health-care services being provided to the area's patients.

"Pat Smith is a wonderful asset to RCMC Home Health and Hospice. With more than 20 years of experience in the Home Health field, she has a unique perspective into the inner-workings of the industry. Her performance speaks for itself. In a recent award ceremony hosted by CHS, RCMC Home Health and Hospice received two awards for overall performance excellence for the fiscal year of 2006. We are very proud to name Pat as our new Agency Director," Fields said.

Smith has over 30 years of experience in nursing with 21 years in the home health-care field. She received her BSN from the Medical School of Virginia.

For the past three years Smith has served as Clinical Director for RCMC Home Health and Hospice. In her new role Smith will oversee day-to-day operations of the agency; human resource management; accounts receivable and payroll; medical record compliance; EOC compliance; staffing issues ; and work flow implementation.

For more information concerning the services provided by RCMC Home Health and Hospice call 1-800-624-6362.