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MICHELLE MILLS JOINS CORHIO HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Colorado Rural Health Center's chief executive, Michelle Mills, joins Colorado Health Information Exchange Board of Directors

DENVER, Colo. – CORHIO, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization, recently announced that Michelle Mills was appointed to the company's board of directors.

Mills is the chief executive officer at the Colorado Rural Health Center, a nonprofit and member based association in Aurora, Colo., whose programs and services provide support and technical assistance to rural health facilities. She previously served as the organization's director of programs and has more than 23 years' experience working in the healthcare field.

"Michelle is a welcome addition to CORHIO's outstanding board of directors," said Morgan Honea, CORHIO's chief executive officer. "Michelle brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board, especially in the areas of clinical quality improvement and patient safety, and will help CORHIO advocate for, and meet the needs of, rural health care providers."

"I am honored to join the CORHIO board," said Mills. "CRHC works closely with CORHIO as a regional extension center partner and I look forward to sharing my experiences, the rural voice and contributing to the future direction and growth of this organization."

Mills currently services on the board of the Data Services for Healthcare, NRHA Rural Health Congress, and Regis University Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions, and has served on a number of government commissions and local task forces, including Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC) Advisory Committee.

In addition to Mills, CORHIO's board of directors consists of Gerry Lewis-Jenkins, executive vice president at COPIC Companies; Robert Kaufmann with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck; Sue Birch, executive director at Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing; George Delgrosso, executive director at Colorado Behavioral Health Council; Patrick Gillies with Region VIII Health Resources and Services Administration; Jason Greer with Colorado Community Managed Care Network; Dr. Marjie Harbrecht, executive director at Health TeamWorks; Donna Lynne, doctor of public health and president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado; Dr. Lynn Parry; Alexis Sgouros with Kaiser Permanente; James Shmerling, president and CEO at Children's Hospital Colorado; Steve Summer, president and CEO Colorado Hospital Association; Dick Thompson, executive director at Quality Health Network; and Dr. Larry Wolk, executive director and chief medical officer at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

CORHIO (www.corhio.org) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to facilitate the electronic health information exchange to improve the health of all Coloradans. CORHIO is designated by the State of Colorado to facilitate HIE and works closely with and among communities across Colorado to develop and implement secure systems and processes for sharing clinical information.

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradoans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.

About CORHIO

CORHIO is dedicated to improving healthcare quality for all Coloradans through health information exchange (HIE). As the state designated entity for HIE, CORHIO collaborates with healthcare stakeholders including physicians, hospitals, clinics, public health, longterm care, laboratories, health plans and patients to improve care collaboration through secure systems and processes for sharing clinical information. CORHIO is a not-for-profit supported in large part by grants, including awards from the Colorado Health Foundation and from federal ARRA HITECH funds. CORHIO's technical infrastructure is built on industry-leading HIE technology developed and maintained by Medicity. For more information about CORHIO, please visit www.corhio.org.

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