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NEWS RELEASE – KEVIN HARLAN NAMED BY JOINT TOWNHIP HOSPITAL

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital's Board of Directors has announced the appointment

of Kevin Harlan as President and Chief Executive Officer effective September 1, 2005. Harlan

replaces retiring Jim Chick at the St. Marys Ohio Hospital.

Kevin, his wife Amy and their two children currently reside in Sparta, North Carolina. Kevin

has over 20 years of administrative healthcare experience and is currently President and CEO of

Allegheny Memorial Hospital and Health Systems located in Sparta, North Carolina.

Mr. Harlan will be available for media interview after September 1, 2005.

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