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**UPH Hospital Selects Patricia Harrison-Monroe as Behavioral Health Services Administrative Director**



TUCSON, Ariz. (March 23, 2010) – Patricia Harrison-Monroe, PhD, has been selected as Behavioral Health Services Administrative Director at UPH Hospital. She is responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating behavioral health programs to serve the mental health needs of the community.

“With the opening of the new Behavioral Health Pavilion and Crisis Response Center here on our campus in summer 2011, we are very excited to have Dr. Harrison-Monroe assist us in developing and implementing behavioral health programs for our new facilities,” says Larry Aldrich, President and Chief Executive Officer of University Physicians Healthcare.

“These two new facilities are an innovative, collaborative effort that will bring together the entire community, including behavioral health care, medical care, law enforcement, families and consumers, to deliver an integrated approach to behavioral health treatment,” says Linda Durst, MD, Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychiatrist and Vice-Head of Psychiatry at UPH Hospital. “Dr. Harrison-Monroe is well suited to head and develop this pioneering model of care.”

Dr. Harrison-Monroe is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry. For more than 20 years, she has demonstrated her strong commitment to community mental health through her professional and community involvement. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Harrison-Monroe has extensive behavioral health program development and administrative experience. For the past eight years, she has served as Director of Behavioral Health Services at Pima County Juvenile Detention Center. Prior to moving to Tucson in 2002, she was Assistant Commissioner with the New York City Department of Mental Health. In that position she provided planning, administration and fiscal oversight for a network of integrated, comprehensive mental health services in contract with the department. She also has extensive experience in forensic services development and working with at-risk populations. Dr. Harrison-Monroe holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Columbia University, New York.

UPH Hospital is a nonprofit corporation created in 1985 as the medical practice of the physicians of the UA College of Medicine. Together, UPH, the University of Arizona, UPH Hospital and University Medical Center combine to care for patients, educate medical students, train young physicians and conduct clinical research. With more than 350 physicians and 1,500 staff, UPH is Arizona’s largest physicians group.