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Dr. Emily Ptaszek Announces Resignation as President and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Board of Directors of Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) is deeply saddened to announce Dr. Emily Ptaszek has chosen not to renew her three-year contract as president and CEO. She will remain in her position through the end of March. Ptaszek is transitioning to a leadership role in health care consulting, one that will allow her to make a broader impact across the industry and will remain in Colorado Springs. The Board of Directors is very grateful for her collaboration, partnership and counsel during this critical transition for the organization.

Ptaszek’s decision to step down follows a successful three-year tenure with the organization and 12 years in community health leadership. While with Peak Vista she strengthened the organization’s relationships with the community; invested significantly in educational and financial resources for staff; and launched a new philanthropic board.

“We are incredibly grateful for Dr. Ptaszek’s leadership, vision and unwavering commitment to our mission,” said Stella Hodgkins, Chair of the Board of Directors. “Under her guidance, Peak Vista has reached new heights, strengthening critical partnerships, establishing data-rich operational processes, launching vital patient-facing programs and inspiring new levels of philanthropic support. Due to her emphasis on workforce development and competitive compensation, Peak Vista increased provider network compensation by nearly \$4 million. And as a licensed psychologist, Ptaszek has been deeply dedicated to enhancing access to mental health resources, greatly enriching the organization’s overall behavioral health services through new programs like the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner fellowship program. While we consider this a great loss, we will always value the impact she has made across the region.”

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President and CEO of Peak Vista, working alongside a dedicated and thoughtful Board of Directors and leading an exceptionally skilled team of clinical and operational leaders whose collective efforts make this community a better place to live,” said Ptaszek. “I am very grateful for the many life-changing experiences and meaningful connections I have formed at Peak Vista and within this wonderful community that I will continue to call home. I have great faith in both the leadership team and Board of Directors and know that, together, they can navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead in order to continue realizing Peak Vista’s critical mission.”

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Peak Vista’s Board of Directors has been actively engaged in planning the transition with Hodgkins stating, “plans are in place to ensure a seamless transition as we identify a successor that can build upon the momentum created by Dr. Ptaszek and the executive team.” The Board has established a transition committee who will lead the recruitment and selection process.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization providing exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Celebrating over 50 years of community health service, Peak Vista offers primary medical, integrated behavioral health and dental care services. We proudly serve over 74,000 patients annually through 24 outpatient centers in Colorado’s Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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