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Peak Vista Community Health Centers Appoints New CEO

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Board of Directors of Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jaeson Fournier, D.C., MPH as its new Chief Executive Officer. New to Colorado Springs, Fournier will join the team in mid-September. With over 20 years of experience leading Community Health Centers, the Board is enthusiastic about his appointment and confident that his deep experience and strategic vision comes at the right moment for the organization.

Fournier's appointment is the result of a thoughtful and rigorous search process led by Peak Vista's Board of Directors in partnership with an executive search firm, and with input from internal Peak Vista stakeholders and valued community leaders. "Interest in the position – which began in January 2025 – was very strong, and we were humbled to have such a strong group of candidates," said Stella Hodgkins, chair of the board of directors.

Fournier brings not only a passion for the mission of Community Health Centers, but also a track record of leading strategic transformation and delivering measurable results across clinical quality, financial growth and organizational culture. With a deep commitment to patient-centered care, he has been recognized for building high-performing teams and implementing innovative, value-based care models that improve outcomes and expand access. Fournier has successfully navigated complex operational landscapes while fostering a transparent, inclusive workplace culture. Known for his collaborative leadership style and strong community engagement, Fournier is deeply invested in advancing systems that prioritize both the patient experience and the people who deliver care.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are excited to have Jaeson take the helm of Peak Vista as we continue to provide exceptional health care to those in our community facing access barriers," said Hodgkins. "As a Board, we were dedicated to finding a leader who can guide Peak Vista into its next phase of growth and success as well as further strengthen our commitment to patient care, financial sustainability, workforce development, community engagement and operational excellence – and we are confident we have found that in Jaeson."

"From the very first conversation, I could feel the heart of this organization," remarked Fournier. "It has long been my passion to advance health equity for all – and especially for those patients who need and deserve access to care. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to join such a dynamic team, united by a shared commitment to the

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community we are so privileged to serve. I can't wait to roll up my sleeves, listen, learn and lead alongside this extraordinary group as we shape a healthier, more equitable future across the region."

Fournier succeeds Richard Eitel, J.D., who has served as interim CEO since February 2025. "We are so grateful for Dick's decision to step in and lead Peak Vista during this transition. Though his title was interim, his leadership was anything but temporary. Dick made such an impact over these last six months. He implemented projects to raise employee morale, improved patient care, and helped teams across the organization meet business goals. The entire team wishes him the best as he returns to retirement," said Hodgkins.

Eitel will work hand-in-hand with Fournier to help ensure a seamless transition as he takes over as CEO.

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 20 outpatient centers in Colorado's Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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