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## **HAVASU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW CEO**

*Experienced Healthcare Executive Sandra Podley Tapped for Leadership Post*

**LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ. DECEMBER 16, 2009** – The Board of Trustees at Havasu Regional Medical Center (HRMC) is pleased to announce that Sandra Podley will assume the position of Chief Executive Officer for the hospital. She is expected to begin the new position no later than January 11.

“We are pleased that Sandy has agreed to accept our offer to become the new Chief Executive Officer of Havasu Regional and we look forward to working with her,” said Martha Bennett, Chairman of the HRMC Board of Trustees. “Those of us who assisted in the interview process were extremely impressed with the experiences and leadership skills that Sandy will bring to us. With a proven track record of building teams, fostering strong relationships, and enhancing satisfaction with all constituents, she will be a great fit for our hospital and the Lake Havasu community.”

An experienced healthcare leader, Podley is skilled in all areas of executive management, including operations and project management, business development, strategic planning, and board relations.

“Sandy comes with the experience that will lead the hospital forward,” said Don Bivacca, President of the National Division of LifePoint Hospitals® of which HRMC is a part. “She has exceptional skills that will be recognized and appreciated by the physicians, employees, and volunteers as well as the greater community. She has a very high commitment to quality, is community-minded, and has a track record of working well with physicians and employees.”

Since November of 2006 Sandy has served as CEO for Los Alamos Regional Medical Center, a 47-bed facility located in New Mexico also affiliated with LifePoint Hospitals. Prior to joining LifePoint, she was affiliated with Ardent Health System, where she served as COO or CEO for three different facilities, all located in the southwest. Additionally, she has more than 20 years experience in managing specialty hospitals, primarily psychiatric and rehabilitation facilities.

Sandy earned her undergraduate degree from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and a master’s degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Her hobbies include golf, hiking and fishing. “I am excited about the possibilities that await me at Havasu Regional Medical Center,” said Podley. “HRMC already has a reputation for excellence so my primary focus will be to provide the leadership, support and resources necessary to build upon the strong foundation that’s already there. I look forward to working with physicians, hospital staff and members of the community.”

### **About Havasu Regional Medical Center**

Havasu Regional Medical Center is a 181-bed acute-care facility fully accredited by The Joint Commission. Providing 24-hour emergency services, it is also a state-certified ALS Base Hospital, authorizing medical direction and support of pre-hospital care providers, fire department paramedics and ambulance personnel. The facility offers a full complement of patient-centered, community hospital and regional referral services in most major

medical disciplines, including inpatient rehabilitation. More than 100 affiliated physicians and allied health professionals comprise the medical staff and represent a broad cross-section of specialty areas. More information can be found on its website at [HavasuRegional.com](http://HavasuRegional.com)

### **About LifePoint Hospitals**

Havasu Regional Medical Center is part of LifePoint Hospitals<sup>®</sup>, a leading hospital company focused on providing healthcare services in non-urban communities in 17 states. Of the Company's 47 hospitals, 44 are in communities where LifePoint Hospitals is the sole community hospital provider. LifePoint Hospitals' non-urban operating strategy offers continued operational improvement by focusing on five guiding principles: delivering compassionate, high quality patient care; supporting physicians; creating an outstanding environment for employees; providing unmatched community value; and ensuring fiscal responsibility. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, LifePoint Hospitals is affiliated with approximately 21,000 employees. More information about LifePoint Hospitals can be found on its website, [www.LifePointHospitals.com](http://www.LifePointHospitals.com).

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