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Kentucky Pharmacists Association Announces New Executive Director at 2011 Annual Meeting

KPhA Hires Senior Operating and Management Executive with More Than 24 years of Non-Profit Organizational Management and Association Experience

Frankfort, KY (June 21, 2011)—As the Kentucky Pharmacists Association began its 133rd Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, the Board of Directors welcomed Robert McFalls to the role of Executive Director. The Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA) is the voice of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians concerning education, policy and legislative matters. Its mission is to promote the profession of pharmacy, enhance the practice standards of the profession, and demonstrate the value of pharmacists' services within the health care system. McFalls was selected from over 30 candidates to lead the Association and its 1,300 members from all practice areas throughout the Commonwealth.

McFalls most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer for the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) in Washington, DC. He brings more than 24 years of non-profit organizational management experience and has developed numerous program initiatives in response to emerging needs, ranging from disaster response to senior wellness, including fall prevention strategies and prescription drug education. In addition, Mr. McFalls is a Past President and Board Member of n4a and has received numerous awards for his involvement with the aging population. McFalls is originally from Kentucky and after some time away he is happy to be returning to his home state.

“We are thrilled to have such an experienced leader join KPhA as our new Executive Director. I look forward to working with him throughout the year, and finding opportunities to introduce him to our members throughout the state,” said Dr. Lewis Wilkerson, KPhA President. “I am very excited to join KPhA and look forward to becoming acquainted and working with our members and partners in promoting the profession of pharmacy throughout the Commonwealth”, stated Mr. McFalls. “It was great to meet and connect with so many members at our Annual Meeting, and I look forward to becoming acquainted with others in the weeks and months ahead.”

The Kentucky Pharmacists Association has been led by Past President Leon Claywell, R.Ph. since late February; Robert McFalls will be taking the reins on July 5, 2011. “I am extremely excited that this association has the opportunity to work with a knowledgeable and experienced individual who prides himself on transparency and advocacy. Our association and its search committee (consisting of a broad set of association members) set the standard for this new individual and Mr. McFalls exemplifies the traits and professionalism we so eagerly have been

chasing. I look forward to the outcomes of our new Executive Director's impact on the practice of pharmacy," said Dr. Clay Rhodes, KPhA Chairman.

The Kentucky Pharmacists Association is the largest professional organization representing pharmacists in the state and has been serving its members since 1879. KPhA gives pharmacists the opportunity to band together and express their views to improve the profession of pharmacy for the wellbeing of their patients. KPhA is also continually engaged in efforts to shape and improve the future of healthcare across the Commonwealth and the United States.

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