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**LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA NAMES NEW CEO**

New London, NH: Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE is pleased to announce the selection of Scott Fabry, RN, MBA as President and CEO, effective June 1, 2008. He succeeds Andrea Steel, who will retire on May 31, 2008 after 35 years of service to the agency. A search committee consisting of trustees and senior staff met intensively over a four-month period. Some three dozen applications were received from as far away as New Mexico, Ohio and Florida as well as from local candidates. The comprehensive search process included both telephone and personal interviews. “Scott has the professional background required for the position as well as a thorough grasp of the agency’s unique needs. He will be a strong and effective leader who supports the long-standing values of the VNA and understands the challenges of a complex health care system” says Ward O’Neill, VNA Board Chair.

Fabry is currently Clinical Director at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, a position he has held since 2006. In this role, he is responsible for all acute care services and supervises more than 25 licensed nurses and therapy professionals. Fabry received his nursing degree from Castleton State College. He went on to earn a Master of Business Administration in Health Practice Management from Franklin Pierce College. Fabry and his wife Tracey reside in Grantham with their three children: Corey, Isabelle and Cole.

Fabry is well known to the VNA, having been one of the agency’s RN Case Managers from 2001 – 2004. He has brought extensive hospital-based clinical experience, including intensive nursing care, to colleagues and other professional associates with whom the agency collaborates. Fabry served as Clinical Resource Coordinator and Continuing Care Manager at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and has held positions at Norwalk Hospital and Hospital of St. Raphael. In addition to his clinical knowledge and experience, Fabry brings a strong business background, having served as Assistant Vice President at both The Bank of New Haven and Green Mountain Bank.

“In 1993, I chose to leave the banking business to pursue a career in nursing. I don’t think I fully realized that it then, but my decision was based on a desire to develop meaningful relationships and have a positive impact on the lives of others. Subsequently, I learned that the real world of healthcare is very different from that idealistic vision I first pursued. The financial constraints and staffing shortages ubiquitous to our healthcare system have been real roadblocks in the pursuit of my dream. However, I can honestly say that home health care in general, and Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice in particular, have provided me the opportunity to realize my dreams to a degree that I have found nowhere else. I am proud and honored to have been selected to lead this wonderful organization” says Fabry.

The combination of clinical and business expertise, coupled with Fabry's love of and respect for nursing in the home setting, make him an ideal candidate to lead the VNA into a challenging and exciting future. "Scott is a dedicated professional and a strong advocate for all the care giving staff. He understands the issues and has earned the respect of his colleagues. I am delighted with the choice of the search committee. Scott will lead this organization into the future keeping the mission of the VNA and the community's needs as top priorities" says Andrea Steel, retiring President and CEO.

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