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Behavioral Health Leader Trina Parks Named Assistant Vice President At East Orange General Hospital

East Orange, N.J., May 26, 2011 -- Experienced behavioral health caregiver and manager Trina Parks, M.H.A., has been named assistant vice president of Behavioral Health Services at East Orange General Hospital. In that role she will be responsible for managing all aspects of the hospital's behavioral health programs and will be an active resource in growing and developing long-term relationships with community health providers.

A 15-year veteran of the mental health field, Ms. Parks has worked in both inpatient and outpatient settings that include psychiatric emergency crisis, therapeutic services and children's services. Experienced at both the local and county levels, she most recently served as associate executive director of the Mental Health Association of Essex County.

"Trina joins our team with a wealth of dedicated behavioral health experience and a proven track record for success," said East Orange General President and CEO Kevin Slavin, "She has overseen a variety of different challenges in that field, including partial hospitalization programs, case management and a supportive employment and the community re-entry program at the Essex County Correctional Facility."

A graduate of Montclair State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a recipient of a master's degree in healthcare administration from Seton Hall University, Ms. Parks has won acclaim and respect from her peers as a strong advocate for change regarding the treatment of individuals with mental illness. In 2007 she was named a fellow of Leadership New Jersey and has also received the New Jersey Rehabilitation Association's award for Excellence in Psychiatric Rehabilitation.

About East Orange General Hospital

East Orange General Hospital is East Orange's largest private employer and Essex County's only independent, fully accredited, acute-care hospital. Serving the community for over a century, East Orange General Hospital recently expanded its services and is continually adding new equipment and programs to provide the highest level of quality and compassionate patient care. Specialty areas include: Same Day Surgery, Physical Rehabilitation Services, Behavioral Health, Family Health, Emergency Medicine, Outpatient Hemodialysis, Hyperbaric/Wound Management, Vascular and Medical/Surgical Services.