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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Katharine Woods is the new Chief Medical Officer of BHDDH

(April 4, 2023) — Richard Charest, Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, has announced that Katharine Woods, D.O., will serve as Chief Medical Officer of BHDDH and Eleanor Slater Hospital.

Dr. Woods comes to BHDDH from Arizona, where she served as Chief Medical Officer of the Arizona State Hospital and Assistant Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services. Before that, she served as Medical Director for Hospital Psychiatry and Director of Neurotherapeutics at Banner-University Medical Center’s South Campus, in Tucson, Ariz.

She is a graduate of Harvard University, the University of Southern California, and the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Conn., and is Board Certified in Psychiatry.

“I am pleased to announce that Dr. Woods has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer,” Director Charest said. “She brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to this role and she understands the needs of our patients at Eleanor Slater Hospital, as well as the needs of individuals who receive services that are supported by BHDDH.”

In addition to her experience as a physician, Dr. Woods also has extensive teaching experience, including seven years as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona. She started working at BHDDH on Monday, taking over from Dr. Sue Ferranti, who had been serving as Interim Chief Medical Officer.

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