



Manitoba Health Research Council announces new Executive Director

Winnipeg, September 20, 2010 – Dr. Brian Postl, Chair of the Manitoba Health Research Council (MHRC), is pleased to announce the appointment of Christina Weise to the position of Executive Director of MHRC. In that capacity, she will provide strategic, creative leadership at a time of growth and innovation for the organization. Reporting to Council through its Chair, the Executive Director provides leadership, planning and management direction for the all of the Council's programs and activities; works closely with stakeholders and partners in Manitoba and across Canada; and plays an active role in the advancement of health research in Manitoba.

Christina Weise has a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Manitoba. She is a public administrator with more than 10 years of experience developing public policy in the areas of research and innovation and in managing funds and programs to support research. Ms Weise brings extensive experience in strategic planning, working with boards and sustaining strong relationships with partners and stakeholders in the health research community. Ms Weise is returning to the Council after a year-and-a-half absence during which time she served as Director, Research and Innovation Policy in the Manitoba Department of Innovation, Energy and Mines.

"We are excited to welcome Christina back to MHRC as our new Executive Director and know she will bring strong leadership to the Council that will continue to build on our robust research endeavours and benefit our province's strong health sciences research community," said Dr. Postl, Chair, Manitoba Health Research Council and Dean of Medicine, University of Manitoba.

About the MHRC

The mission of the Manitoba Health Research Council which reports to the Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines, is to promote the growth and co-operation of the health research enterprise in Manitoba. Its mandate is to promote and assist basic, clinical and applied research in the health sciences in Manitoba and advise the minister with respect to matters relating to health research as the minister may refer to the council for its consideration. From moneys received from the Province, Council provides funds for research in the health sciences through a number of grants and awards programs. For more information, visit: www.mhrc.mb.ca

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