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Physician Assistant Eliza Currie Joins KVHC

MILLINOCKET and PATTEN, ME – January 13, 2007 – Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC), with facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten, Maine, is pleased to announce the addition of certified physician assistant, Eliza Currie, to its staff in Millinocket and Patten.

Eliza is licensed with the state of Maine and professionally associated with the American Academy of Physician Assistants and Downeast Association of Physician Assistants.

She received her Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of New England in Portland, Maine. Eliza completed post-baccalaureate course work in nursing at the University of Montana in Missoula and earned her Bachelor of Science degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Maine at Orono where she majored in kinesiology.

Currie's scholastic honors include the Dean's List during her full-time undergraduate semesters at the University of Maine, the Presidential Academic Achievement Award, and membership in Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key National Scholastic Honor Societies.

Eliza, in partnership with KVHC's medical team, provides quality medical care, at affordable pricing, to people of all ages, in the Katahdin area. She is relocating to the Katahdin Region from Dexter where she has practiced rural internal medicine since graduating from the University of New England in 2005.

"I look forward to working with KVHC's health care professionals in a setting that provides

integrated health services. My experience as a Physician Assistant in a rural internal medical office has enabled me to perfect my skills in office procedures while achieving professional growth.

“I enjoy hiking, backpacking, running, cycling and swimming and the varied opportunities the Katahdin Region offers outdoor enthusiasts,” said Currie.

“Eliza’s experience in emergency medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, rural family medicine, hematology and oncology, and geriatric medicine will greatly enhance KVHC’s clinical offerings for our patients,” said Durward Humphrey, KVHC executive director.

“Eliza joins our medical team - Donald G. Blagdon, M.D., Lisa Nielsen, M.D., Joe Sardina, M.D.; Maria Silmarlita Noval, M.D., W. Ray Byers, M.D., Maria Catalina Melo, M.D., Lawrence Crystal, DPM, Audie Horn, PA-C, Tammy Fortier, FNP, Robert Ellis, O.D. and Jessica Philbrook, O.D. – to provide comprehensive care to our patients in southern Aroostook and northern Penobscot counties. She is practicing at our Millinocket facility on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at our Patten health clinic each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

“We are very pleased that Eliza has elected to join KVHC to improve the health status of the communities we serve.

“KVHC staff strives for excellence in customer service and satisfaction and works diligently with other organizations to provide the types of services that best serve our patients’ needs. KVHC does not discriminate based on one’s ability to pay for healthcare and accepts Maine Care, Medicare and other health insurance coverage as well. We offer sliding fee and other discount programs for those who may need healthcare and are eligible for reduced fees,” said Humphrey.

Eliza is accepting new patients of all ages. To make your personal appointment with Eliza Currie, PA-C, please call 1-866-366-5842.

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to the people in the Greater Katahdin Region. A Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 65 people at its facilities in Millinocket, Patten, Houlton and Island Falls.

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