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Broadlawns' Vondracek Earns Certification as Family Medicine Training Administrator

Des Moines, December 1, 2009 – **Broadlawns Medical Center** announced that **LuAnn Vondracek**, training administrator for Broadlawns' Family Medicine Residency Program, has successfully completed the requirements and board examination for the National Board for Certification of Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education Programs (TAGME). Vondracek is only the second professional in Iowa to earn this certification.

“This is a great accomplishment,” said Larry Severidt, M.D., director of medical education and director of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Broadlawns Medical Center. “This certification requires a deep commitment to the program and demonstrates LuAnn's expertise in the day-to-day management of a residency training program. We are proud to have her on our training team.”

Vondracek has worked in the medical education division at Broadlawns for 13 years as the program coordinator. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in business and management, as well as associate degrees in management and law enforcement. Vondracek retired from the U. S. Army in 1997.

TAGME establishes standards for the profession in the successful management of graduate medical education programs and recognizes those training program administrators who have achieved competence in all fields related to their profession.

Candidates for certification must have worked at least three continuous years in the same clinical specialty, submit an application and successfully complete a two-part assessment, which is specific to each clinical specialty. One part of the assessment is completed in a monitored setting, while the other is a work effort product.

Requirements also include participation in a site visit or internal review and two personal professional development experiences in the past three years, defined as presentations, publications, national leadership roles in the profession, or in-service training sessions on program procedures for attendings and/or residents.

The TAGME certification is valid for five years.

About Broadlawns Medical Center

Celebrating its 85th anniversary this year, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Today Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services
- A Family Medicine Residency Program that graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties