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Highland Rivers Health governing board welcomes two chiefs of police as board members

DALTON, Georgia – November 19, 2018 – Dallas Police Chief Joe Duvall and Fairmount Police Chief Lane Bennett were seated as members of the Highland Rivers Health governing board at its most recent meeting in October. Duvall and Bennett will serve as board representatives for Paulding and Gordon counties, respectively.

“The fact is, law enforcement officers are often the first people who come into contact with individuals in mental health crisis or with substance use disorders, so it is critical that we work together closely to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals in our communities,” said Chantel Adams, chair of Highland Rivers’ governing board. “Chief Duvall and Chief Bennett will be excellent additions to our governing board and we are pleased to have them join us.”

Highland Rivers Health is governed by a 14-member board that includes a representative from every county in the agency’s service area (with two representatives from both Floyd and Polk counties) who are appointed by each county’s board of commissioners. Members serve three-year terms, and terms are staggered to ensure continuity of governance.

The board includes several individuals who have family members with mental illness, addictive disease or developmental disabilities, and includes representatives from local government, the judicial system, family services, private industry, law enforcement, and healthcare, among others.

For more information about the Highland Rivers Health governing board, including a list of members, meeting schedule and meeting minutes, visit the Highland Rivers website board page at <http://highlandrivershealth.com/governing-board/>.

About Highland Rivers Health

Highland Rivers Health provides comprehensive treatment and support services for adults, children and families, and veterans affected by mental health disorders, intellectual developmental disabilities and addictive disease. One of the state’s largest public safety net providers, Highland Rivers operates more than two-dozen treatment facilities across a 4,400-square mile area of Northwest Georgia that includes Bartow, Cherokee, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk and Whitfield counties, and serves nearly 16,000

individuals annually. Highland Rivers is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is a Tier 1 safety net Core Provider for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. For more information, visit <http://highlandrivershealth.com>.

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