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Following more than 13 years of outstanding leadership and service to the PNCB, Janet S. Wyatt, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAANP has announced that she will transition from the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to the position of PNCB Consultant. "Jan has been an amazing ingredient to the success of the PNCB for over a decade. Through Jan's leadership, the PNCB has experienced unprecedented growth and achieved national and international acclaim for its certification and continuing education programs," stated Arlene Sperhac, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, PNCB President. "We are very pleased that Jan will continue to serve the PNCB as she transitions to a new consultant position beginning February 1, 2011. During Jan's tenure as CEO, the PNCB expanded its exams programs, more than quadrupled candidate enrollment, and led the development of technology innovations and creative organizational partnerships within the certification community. As the PNCB has played a leadership role in efforts to strengthen quality care to children and families, we are especially pleased that one of Jan's first responsibilities as a PNCB consultant will be to lead the new Institute of Pediatric Nursing (IPN) as the founding Executive Director," noted Sperhac. The IPN was established in early 2010 through the support of the PNCB and its mission is to create a healthy future for our nation through a unified network of pediatric nursing organizations working through education, research, and practice to secure child and youth well-being.

"As Jan completes this career transition, we are delighted that the successful strategies and programs of the PNCB will continue under the leadership of our new CEO, Margaret (Peg) Harrison, MS, RN, CPNP," added Dr. Sperhac. "We are indeed proud to announce that Peg has been selected by the PNCB Board and has agreed to be the new CEO beginning February 1, 2011."

For the past five years, Peg has provided leadership to the PNCB as the Executive Vice President for Pediatric Nursing Programs and Chief Operating Officer. Within her career in both military and civilian patient care settings, Peg served in a variety of hospital-based and primary care leadership roles, in addition to practicing as a pediatric nurse practitioner for over 27 years. "Peg has boundless energy, creativity and exemplary interpersonal skills, as well as incredible knowledge, leadership experience, vision, and an intense desire to strengthen pediatric nursing. We are excited to have her as our new CEO," noted Sperhac.

The PNCB remains the leading certification organization for pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners, currently certifying more than 26,000 Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (CPNPs), Certified Pediatric Nurses (CPNs) and Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurses (CPENs), a jointly owned exam with the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing. Within the past 10 years, the PNCB has added three new certification programs, including the first nationally recognized Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certification exam. The PNCB continues in its role as the leading voice for credentialing in pediatric nursing and as a national leader in pediatric health policy discussions through its support of the new Institute of Pediatric Nursing (IPN).

For more information about the PNCB and the IPN, please visit our web sites at www.pncb.org and www.ipedsnursing.org.