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SEARHC announces new medical director at ARMC

KLAWOCK, Feb 22, 2008 — The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is pleased to announce that Myron “Ron” Fribush, MD, has started work as the medical director for the Alicia Roberts Medical Center (ARMC) in Klawock.

Dr. Fribush moved to Prince of Wales Island from Sitka, where he worked since February 2004 as a hospitalist at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital. He worked over two decades running a family practice, working in various hospitals and as a medical director in long-term care in New York before he moved to Sitka.

“I’m very excited about having the opportunity to put together years of experience in family practice, geriatrics and emergency medicine at one center that provides such a variety of care,” Dr. Fribush said of the move to ARMC. “Prince of Wales provides a huge, beautiful expanse with great fishing and hunting, and a resourceful populace. It is great to be here.”

Dr. Fribush earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and he completed a residency at Wilson Hospital in Johnson City, N.Y. He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, with a certificate of added qualifications in geriatrics.

“Ron’s wealth of training and experience will be a huge addition to the staff at ARMC,” said Dr. David Vastola, Medical Director, SEARHC Community Health Services. “We are especially excited about his expertise in elder care.”

He won the 1998 Emergency Medicine Physician of the Year Award in Schenectady, N.Y., and served on the Emergency Medical Services Committee. Dr. Fribush also won a 2007 Health Care Providers Award at the Sitka Health Summit for his efforts to reduce secondhand smoke and his advocacy of healthy lifestyles. In 2007, he became a Fellow with the American Academy of Family Medicine.

Dr. Fribush has medical special interests in geriatrics, home care for the elderly, and in the local and long-distance delivery of medical services. He has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for 30 years, and he enjoys fishing and hiking.

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