



### **CMHA Board Appoints Raymond Gorman President and CEO**

New Britain, CT – November 21, 2007 – The Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. (CMHA), announced that they have appointed Raymond J. Gorman President and Chief Executive Officer of CMHA, effective today. Gorman, who most recently has served in the capacity of Associate Director of CMHA with oversight of all programs, will continue to integrate operations and clinical services of the four organizations which merged with CMHA this past summer.

“We are confident that in his new role, Ray will continue to bring forward-thinking vision and management expertise to the agency,” said new CMHA board chairman John Matulis. “He has more than thirty years experience in the health care industry, including as Commissioner of Connecticut’s Office of Health Care Access and as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. There are very few, if any, individuals who are as keenly aware as Ray of the challenges facing the mental health provider sector. Ray has proven himself more than capable of successfully meeting and overcoming those challenges.”

Gorman’s appointment became effective upon the departure of retiring Executive Director Mark Muradian on November 20, 2007. Muradian had led the agency for the last twenty years, bringing CMHA from a \$1 million budget with 25 employees to the present \$27 million budget and staff of more than 400 employees.

CMHA is a non-profit, community-based provider of comprehensive behavioral health services throughout northwest and central Connecticut. With 25 service locations in 13 towns, CMHA delivers a continuum of services, including both inpatient and outpatient programs, substance abuse treatment services, and prevention and education programs to more than 7,000 adults, children and adolescents each year.