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### **CMHA Board Announces Departure of Executive Director**

New Britain, CT – September 19, 2007 – The Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. (CMHA), announced today that Executive Director Mark Muradian will retire from his position on November 20, 2007. Muradian, who has been with the organization since 1987, will work with management to assure a smooth transition for the organization.

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 offers a continuum of services, including both inpatient and outpatient programs, substance abuse treatment services, and prevention and education programs.

“We wish Mark the very best,” said CMHA board chairman Diane Chace. “He has overseen mergers with four behavioral health organizations and the opening of a group home for boys this past summer. We are grateful for his leadership and commitment during this period of unprecedented growth.”

“I have given the timing of my departure much thought,” said Muradian. “I feel a great sense of satisfaction with what the agency has been able to accomplish for the clients we serve and the residents of Connecticut. With having successfully completed the mergers this summer, I feel CMHA is well-positioned for future success, and I may relinquish my leadership role now with confidence.”

A search for a new executive director will commence immediately.