



**ALLIED HEALTH  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
AN ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Stephen Lennartz  
Executive Director  
office - 314-659-2442  
cell - 314-954-0007

**For Immediate Release**

**ALLIED HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES  
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**St. Louis, Missouri, March 10, 2008** – The Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI), an academic and industry partnership vested with increasing the number of qualified allied health professionals, has announced the appointment of Stephen Lennartz as its new Executive Director. This is a new position.

"I am very excited by this opportunity to work closely with the AHRI Board and support our membership," said Lennartz. "The AHRI faces an exciting year with initiatives that include AHRI Fellowship Awards—awarded to members to support analyses of industry and academic databases that will facilitate improvements in rehabilitation policy and practices; a freshly updated website; and a dynamic annual meeting in September where we will focus on translational research in rehabilitation care."

Lennartz has 20 years of management experience in health care marketing, development, communications, and program management. He served as Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Jefferson Memorial Hospital just south of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a former Board member of MAHPRM at the Missouri Hospital Association and served as chapter president on behalf of the American Heart Association. He has been recognized with 38 awards of excellence in communications.

Asked about the challenges ahead, Lennartz said, "Everyday it becomes more apparent that if not addressed, the growing need for allied health professionals will threaten the quality of healthcare. By working closely with academia and industry, we can explore solutions to address these critical shortages and ultimately...improve the nation's health."

# # #

**About Allied Health Research Institute**

Based in St. Louis, Missouri, the AHRI is an academic and industry partnership vested with increasing the number of qualified allied health professionals and developing better, more efficient models of care.

The principal objectives of AHRI include:

- Create a central data repository to collect and analyze clinical outcomes for the purpose of establishing industry and academic-supported, evidence-based practice patterns
- Promote awareness and advocacy of public and private sector policies that support growth and more efficient, effective and higher quality standards of care
- Advance education and training to better integrate curriculum and accreditation requirements with the needs of patients and employers

The Allied Health Research Institute (AHRI) is a non-profit organization. For more information visit:  
[www.theahri.org](http://www.theahri.org).