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Dr. Gruebel, CEO of Network Knowledge, Elected to Serve on Board for the Alliance for Children and Families

JANUARY 10, 2012, SPRINGFIELD, IL – Dr. Jerold Gruebel, CEO of Network Knowledge stations WSEC/PBS Springfield, WQEC/PBS Quincy and WMEC/PBS Macomb, has been elected to serve on the board of the Alliance for Children and Families, a national membership organization for private, nonprofit human services organizations.

The nearly 350 members of the Milwaukee-based Alliance for Children and Families provide an array of community-based programs and services to all generations, serving close to 3.4 million people each year. Motivated by a vision of a healthy society and strong communities for all children and families, the Alliance works to strengthen North America's nonprofit human services sector and, through advocacy assure the sector's continued independence.

Alliance President and CEO Susan N. Dreyfus looks forward to welcoming Dr. Gruebel to the board. "Dr. Gruebel brings a unique set of experiences, expertise, and a very strong commitment to the success of America's nonprofit human services agencies to the Alliance Board of Directors. Our organization and its members will benefit greatly from his guidance and leadership."

Stephen Mack, chairman of the Alliance Board of Directors said, "We are pleased that Dr. Gruebel's expertise will now extend to a national network of nonprofit human services organizations."

Alliance member Chaddock, in Quincy, was named Agency of the Year by the Alliance in 2009. Debbie Reed, President/CEO of Alliance member Chaddock said of Dr. Gruebel, "He has contributed so much as a board member at Chaddock. That same level of commitment will extend to his contribution to human services agencies in a larger scale in this national role."

The Alliance has a total of 15 member organizations in Illinois. Its connection to the state extends even further through two of its affiliated organizations, United Neighborhood Centers of America (UNCA) and Ways to Work. UNCA is another national membership organization of neighborhood centers and settlement houses and has 10 member organizations in the state of Illinois.

Ways to Work supports local loan offices across the country to provide small, short-term, low-interest loans to working poor families with challenging credit histories. Ways to Work supports two loan operations in the state of Illinois that are operated by Alliance member organizations.

WSEC/PBS Springfield, WQEC/PBS Quincy and WMEC/PBS Macomb are all part of Network Knowledge, which provides quality public television and educational services

through a network of viewer-supporters, volunteers, universities, hospitals and business partners in communities throughout central and western Illinois.

Station-produced programs are also available on its YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/networkknowledge>. Network Knowledge is public media for western and central Illinois.

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Fast Facts

WHAT: Dr. Gruebel Serves on National Board

WHEN: Immediately

WHERE: WSEC/PBS Springfield