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The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas Announces Addition to Leadership Team

DALLAS (May 21, 2014) – The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas has announced the addition of Phil Ritter to the leadership team. Ritter will serve as chief operating officer overseeing programs, staff and operations of the Institute, reporting to president and chief executive officer Tom Luce.

He joins other newly appointed staff members including Dr. Andrew Keller, executive vice president, policy and programs, Kathryn Lake, chief of staff, and Coby Chase, director, external affairs.

Prior to joining the Institute, Ritter served as executive vice president for government and stakeholder affairs at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, where he directed the airport's government relations, communications, community relations and board support activities. Before joining the airport, Ritter was senior vice president, public affairs, with Texas Instruments Incorporated, where he was a member of the Strategy Leadership Team with global responsibility for government affairs, community relations and corporate political activities. He previously served on the staff of the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee and as an attorney with Sun Exploration and Production Company in Dallas.

Additionally, Ritter is chairman of the Development Board of the University of Texas at Dallas and is a member of the board of governors of the Dallas Symphony Association. He also served as campaign chair and chairman of the board for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and led a successful campaign to secure voter approval for \$450 million in real estate purchases and facility construction for the Dallas County Community College District in 2004. As a member of the board of governors of The Dallas Foundation, Ritter chaired the advisory board for the \$5 million Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment Fund.

Ritter earned an undergraduate degree with honors in Urban Studies and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland, along with a Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He is admitted to the practice of law in Maryland and Texas.

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About The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that identifies and encourages the implementation of mental health policies and practices to enable Texans to get help when and where they need it. For more information, visit texasstateofmind.org.