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**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE APPOINTS MICHAEL BARRY TO BE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Washington, D.C. - The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) has announced the appointment of Michael Barry as its new Executive Director, effective May 1, 2005. Mr. Barry replaces Jud Richland, ACPM's Executive Director since 1998, who announced his resignation this past December.

According to ACPM President, Neal Kohatsu, MD, "Mike is an effective leader and manager and will continue to advance the College's ambitious agenda. Mike is someone who understands ACPM's membership, knows the issues and challenges facing the specialty and the College, and has a track record of achieving results."

Mr. Barry's entire career, spanning nearly 20 years, has been devoted to public health and prevention and association management. At ACPM he has directed the organization's policy development and advocacy activities, developed new programs, and overseen numerous grants and contracts with federal agencies, foundations, and corporate entities. Prior to coming to ACPM, Mr. Barry worked for 14 years at the Public Health Foundation in a variety of capacities developing and disseminating public health information to state and local health practitioners and policy makers.

“I am truly honored to be selected to lead this wonderful organization at a time when the importance of preventive medicine has never been higher,” says Barry. “I look forward to supporting ACPM’s members in their efforts to re-orient the nation’s health system toward promoting health and preventing disease and to ensuring that prevention leads the way in 21st century health care.”

The American College of Preventive Medicine is the national professional society for physicians who specialize in disease prevention and health promotion. ACPM's 2,000 members are engaged in preventive medicine practice, teaching and research. ACPM advocates for the specialty of preventive medicine and for national policies that promote health and prevent disease. ACPM maintains an active presence on Capitol Hill and among the many federal agencies and non-governmental organizations that shape national health policy.

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