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**Health Center Partners to Co-host 16th Annual Health Care Symposium, Highlighting Best Practices in Primary Care and Delivery of Community Health Service**

*Dedication to Culturally Competent and Patient-Centered Care Honors Theme of ‘Linking Communities to Quality Care’*

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.—(Feb. 27, 2017)—[Health Center Partners](#), a premier consortium of primary care organizations in Southern California, will co-host the [16th Annual Healthcare Symposium](#) on March 3 at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach. Presented in partnership with the [Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers](#) and [Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County](#), the symposium will address the latest issues affecting community and primary health care, while highlighting best practices in service delivery and operations. In San Diego alone, Health Center Partners’ member community health organizations serve one in six patients, many of whom fall into the safety net population.

“For over 50 years, community health centers have served as a cornerstone of culturally relevant, high quality care in our region,” said Henry N. Tuttle, president and CEO of Health Center Partners. “This symposium is an extraordinarily important venue for discussing the significant transformation occurring across the health care environment. As we continue to navigate these changes together as a unified force, we’re honored to have Susan Dentzer, president and CEO of the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation and senior policy advisor for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as this year’s keynote speaker.”

This year’s symposium theme, “Linking Communities to Quality Health Care,” speaks to the core mission of participating organizations, which aim to ensure access to high quality health care for all, regardless of insurance or economic status. The symposium is a dynamic and informative forum for leading community health practitioners to address and share best practices in the fields of primary care, behavioral health, data and quality improvement, finance and policy. Over 400 people from various health agencies representing San Diego, Riverside, Imperial, Los Angeles and Orange counties will attend this sold out event, which will offer 15 breakout sessions.

Community health centers provide high quality preventive and primary health care—including dental and behavioral health services—to predominantly low income and underserved patients. Approximately one in every 14 Americans relies on community health centers for their regular and ongoing medical care. In Southern California, Health Center Partners has 17 member health organizations, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County has 59 members

and The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers has 26 members. Together, the three consortia serve 2.4 million patients each year in the most populous region of the state.

To learn more about the 16th Annual Healthcare Symposium, please visit <http://hcpsocal.org/2017-symposium/>.

For more information on Health Center Partners, please visit [www.hcpsocal.org](http://www.hcpsocal.org).

**About Health Center Partners of Southern California**

Health Center Partners and its subsidiaries serve as the nexus for its members and partners to transform primary care through the power of innovation and collaboration. Our health policy, public affairs and advocacy efforts enhance the development of and recognition for our members who enrich the patient experience and improve the human condition through access to quality health care and related services for their diverse communities, with an emphasis on low-income and uninsured populations. For more information, visit [www.hcpsocal.org](http://www.hcpsocal.org).

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