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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF PINELLAS ATTAINS PRESTIGIOUS ACCREDITATION

New Certification indicates the highest level of patient care

St. Petersburg, FL (January, 2016). Community Health Centers of Pinellas (CHCP) is proud to announce that the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) awarded its 3-year accreditation to CHCP after a rigorous and careful examination of all phases of the health center. Additionally, CHCP received the Medical Home designation for federally qualified health centers. “After months of preparing and reviewing health outcomes, business operations and medical home care, I am proud that our organization is among the best in America at providing quality, compassionate healthcare to our community” said Pat Mabe, CEO of CHCP. “This accreditation along with CHCP’s existing accreditation from the American Association of Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) shows that our physicians, ARNPS and PAs provide CHCP’s patient the highest standard of care. CHCP’s medical team and staff have now been officially recognized for all of our efforts.”

“Having this accreditation is a strong signal to our past, present and future patients that CHCP has the doctors, nurses and administrative talent to achieve the finest results” added Cheryl Crenshaw-Robinson, Clinical Operations Director and over the team that prepared for NCQA.

Ambulatory healthcare organizations seeking accreditation by NCQA undergo an extensive self-evaluation. “After years of receiving care at CHCP, I know first-hand the quality of care and the respect that I receive. I’m happy and proud to see my healthcare provider achieve such an honor” said Dawn Y. of Pinellas Park, a long time CHCP patient.

For nearly 35 years, CHCP has been working to improve the health and well-being of the people in the community and to provide quality healthcare services to the medically underserved communities. “Our vision is to provide service with dignity, at the lowest possible cost to patients, in convenient locations and at times most convenient to the population served,” said Mabe. “We focus on health maintenance, prevention, promotion and education in self-care”.

Community Health Centers of Pinellas began in 1985, as Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center. The facility was named in honor of Johnnie Ruth Clarke, a civil rights activist and a pioneer in the fight against sickle cell anemia. Today, the Community Health Centers of Pinellas is a critical healthcare delivery system providing services to insured and to uninsured based on a sliding fee scale, with 10 locations throughout Pinellas County.

For more information, visit www.chcpinellas.org.

Community Health Centers of Pinellas, a not-for-profit healthcare organization, has been providing affordable, quality healthcare services to the residents of Pinellas County for almost 35 years. Services include Family Practice, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Dental Care.