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**Community Health & Dental Care, Inc. Among Winners of P4Challenge
Awarded for Innovation in Promoting Pediatric Primary Prevention to Improve Child Health**

Pottstown – Community Health & Dental Care, Inc. (CHDC) was selected among 50 national winners in the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Phase 1 P4 Challenge for innovation in promoting pediatric primary care to improve child health. The goal of the nationwide P4 Challenge is to increase access of well-child visits and improve immunizations within pediatric primary care settings.

CHDC's winning submission "Centering Well Checks for a Healthier Community!" was among over 240 submissions received across the nation. Winners represented pediatric primary care providers and partners including federally qualified health centers, academic medical centers, community-based mobile units, and partnerships with local churches, fire departments and other community-based organizations. CHDC was awarded \$10,000 to implement its proposal during Phase 2, from May 2021 through September 2021, with a chance to be awarded up to \$25,000 in October 2021. Phase 1 applicants were judged by their understanding of the population served and its need, its innovative approach, and potential impact.

"We are very excited to partner with the YWCA Tri-County Area and Rickett's Center in Pottstown to increase vaccination rates and provide well checks in a creative and innovative approach by engaging with parents so their children of all ages can receive their annual well checks.", says Bridgette McGivern, CEO of Community Health & Dental Care.

According to HRSA's website, 'the CDC reports that declines in vaccination coverage might leave young children and communities vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles.' It goes on to say, 'Well-child visits also declined since the COVID-19 pandemic.' HRSA's messaging reinforces the importance for parents and caregivers to maintain child well-visits and maintain timely vaccinations.

For more information or to become a new patient of CHDC, please call 610-326-9460 and our friendly staff will assist you!

About Community Health & Dental Care

Since 2008, Community Health & Dental Care ensures access to appropriate levels of care for all people in the service area regardless of their ability to pay. CHDC has qualified, caring staff to assist you and your family to become a patient of a true medical and dental home. You can schedule a medical visit and dental visit the same day for you and your family members!

CHDC provides medical, dental, OBGYN, vision, podiatry, physical therapy, medication assistance therapy (MAT), integrated behavioral health, care and case management, and free transportation to and from all CHDC health center locations in Pottstown and Barto.

We accept most major Commercial, Medicare and Medicare supplement plans, Fee for Service Medicaid and Managed Care Medicaid plans and provides a health care discount for eligible uninsured and underinsured patients. For qualified

patients receiving a 100% healthcare discount, the nominal fee for a medical/behavioral health/vision visit is \$20, \$35 for a dental visit and \$5 for a prescription! CHDC can offer the health care discount because we receive annual funding from our Federal partner, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) since 2012 as a designated Federally Qualified Health Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 610-326-9460, email us at info@ch-dc.org or visit our website at www.ch-dc.org.

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