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HCC of Rural Missouri Applies for FQHC Look-alike Status to Bring Health Home Model to Waverly and Concordia Clinics

(August 29, 2012 Lexington, MO) – The Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri is applying for Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) “Look-alike” status for two Lafayette Regional Health Center (LRHC) managed clinics in Waverly, MO and Concordia, MO. If approved, a designation award will come down in early 2013. The move comes after HCC Network Partners, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Pathways Community Health and I-70 Medical Center combined efforts to increase access to quality care for the insured and uninsured as well as establish health homes in Lafayette County. Both clinics will provide primary care, oral and behavioral health services for insured, uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare patients.

“This is a collaborative effort in the truest sense,” said HCC Executive Director Toniann Richard. “We are committed to creating access points for residents to receive care that measurably improves health outcomes. If a patient is diabetic, both the doctor and dentist should be talking to ensure the patient’s needs are met from a whole health standpoint. On the other hand, if a patient is seeking mental health services and is also suffering from a health related condition, both his behavioral and physiological needs must be met. This is how a health home operates. This is the model we will bring to clinics in Waverly and Concordia.”

Richard added that if FQHC Look-alike designation is awarded, staff and personnel will be retained at their current clinic locations.

The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the REACH Healthcare Foundation have been supportive in the planning and development of this initiative.

For more information, contact Toniann Richard at 660.259.2440, or visit HCCNetwork.org.

About the HCC

The Health Care Coalition of Lafayette County collaborates with area agencies, businesses and other non-profits to advocate for the health and well being of Lafayette County residents. Among HCC’s current programs are:

- Health information technology initiatives to equip health care providers with the resources needed to offer telemedicine and telehealth services that increase patient access to quality health care;
- Social Innovation for Missouri (SIM) that addresses tobacco cessation and obesity prevention; among other programs; and
- Rural Missouri Health Co-op—with a workplace wellness component—aimed at creating a healthier workforce and reducing insurance premiums.
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