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HCC of Rural Missouri to Own and Operate Concordia and Waverly Clinics

(January 18, 2013 Lexington, MO) – The Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri will begin the process of assuming the ownership of the Concordia and Waverly clinics, currently owned by Lafayette Regional Health Center, with an anticipated transfer date of April 1. Both clinics will provide primary care, oral health care for Medicaid children and behavioral health services through Pathways Community Health. The clinics will provide services for insured, uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare patients.

Under HCC’s ownership, the clinics will be renamed “Live Well Health & Wellness Community Health Center, Concordia” and “Live Well Health & Wellness Community Health Center, Waverly.”

“This is a collaborative effort in the truest sense,” said HCC Executive Director Toniann Richard. “The HCC has been working with funders, national, state and regional stakeholders, community partners and HCC Network leadership for the past four and a half years to address the unmet need in rural Lafayette County, particularly around dental services in the Waverly and Concordia area for Medicaid covered children. Our most sincere gratitude goes out to the individuals who have spent much time and effort on this project and their continued belief in the mission of HCC. We have waited for this day for a very long time, so today is a day to celebrate.”

Richard estimates over 8,000 primary care visits; 1400 dental visits and 13 staff retained in the first fifteen months of operation. Integrated mental health services will be offered within the first three months by Pathways and it is estimated that dental services will begin by June.

Financial support for the clinics has been provided by both Lafayette Regional Health Center and Pathways. Additionally, the clinics have been supported through funding by the REACH Healthcare Foundation’s Rural Health Initiative, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, Health Resources Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Office of Rural Health Policy.

HCC is in the process of applying for Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look Alike and New Access Point status for both rural health clinics. [For more information, contact Toniann Richard at 660.259.2440, or visit \[HCCNetwork.org\]\(http://HCCNetwork.org\).](#)

About the HCC

The Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri 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.

