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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. PHYSICIAN RECEIVES PRIMARY CARE LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR RAISING THE BAR ON PATIENT CARE

Middletown, CT (November 14th, 2011) – Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) is pleased to announce that Dr. Marwan Haddad, MD, MPH, a family practice physician and HIV specialist at CHC’s Meriden and New Britain sites, received the Primary Care Leadership Award at the 4th Annual Primary Care Summit, which was hosted on November 3rd, by the Connecticut Center for Primary Care and the Primary Care Coalition of Connecticut.

The Primary Care Summit is a one day educational, action-oriented venue for primary care leaders, clinicians, hospital administrators, managed care representatives, interested public policy stakeholders and advocates, to formulate strategies for the advancement of primary care and appropriate health system reform for the state of Connecticut. This year’s topic “Leading Primary Care Through Turbulent Times” engaged participants in evolving mandates and efforts to transform primary care practice and patient access to care in Connecticut. A fitting theme for the award recipient – Dr. Haddad exemplifies clinical leadership within CHC and leads a rigorous, data driven quality improvement program that monitors, measures, tracks and trends every detail of HIV and Hepatitis C care at CHC. Dr. Haddad serves as the Medical Director for CHC’s HIV, Hepatitis C and Buprenorphine Services Division at Community Health Center, providing clinical direction, patient care and research leadership for some of the most marginalized and vulnerable populations and conditions in Connecticut. Recently he co-launched a new initiative, joining CHC with the nationally acclaimed Project ECHO with the University of New Mexico. This cutting-edge program links specialist teams at the University of New Mexico with CHC providers to offer ongoing support, consultation and guidance to address challenging cases of chronic conditions and increase access to care for this patient population.

Dr. Marwan Haddad addressed the crowd at the Summit expressing how honored he was to accept the award. “I accept this award on behalf of many people who have contributed greatly to my personal and professional growth. Indeed, no man or woman is an island. The proverb ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ is true and poignant whether I am in Lesotho or in Connecticut. Of course, in my work at CHC, the ‘child’ is the health of our communities and my ‘village’ is the many wonderfully dedicated colleagues and rewarding patients that enrich my life on a daily basis.”

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A native of Lebanon Dr. Haddad is a graduate of Harvard University and the McGill University School of Medicine in Montreal, Canada. He completed his residency training at the University of Toronto and a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. He is board-certified in Family Medicine and is certified as an American Academy of HIV Medicine Specialist. He was recruited to join the medical staff of Community Health Center, Inc. in 2006 as a primary care provider and HIV specialist. He has also served as an HIV clinical mentor in the southern African country of Lesotho and has spoken widely on the topic of integrated HIV, Hepatitis C and buprenorphine treatment in primary care practices.

In his current role as Medical Director of the HIV program, he provides comprehensive care to his HIV, Hepatitis C and opioid dependent patients while mentoring other members of the CHC staff who also treat patients with these conditions. As a result, CHC patients with these chronic conditions boast clinical outcomes that exceed national benchmarks, particularly in the arena of HIV care. Together with his highly engaged team – whom he thanked individually at the award – Dr. Haddad provides a true patient centered medical home experience for some of the most marginalized patients in Connecticut.

About Community Health Center, Inc.

Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary health care system committed to caring for uninsured and underinsured populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Currently, CHC delivers service in 218 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit chc1.com.

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