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**WEITZMAN SYMPOSIUM TO BRING TOGETHER LEADERS
IN HEALTH CARE FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY**

*Symposium to be broadcast live on the web,
utilizing social media platforms and smart phone applications*

Middletown, CT, June 7, 2011 – The Sixth Annual Weitzman Symposium, hosted by the Weitzman Center for Innovation in Community Health and Primary Care, a division of Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), in collaboration with the Center for Community Partnerships, Wesleyan University, will be held this Thursday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wesleyan University, Beckham Hall, Fayerweather Building, 45 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown.

This year's topic is "*Designing the Moment: Remodeling Health Care*," with a focus on innovations that are transforming primary care and achieving far better outcomes. In keeping with this innovative theme, CHC will be streaming the symposium live on the web utilizing Ustream. Android and iPhone users can download the free Ustream application to view the broadcast in real time. To watch online log onto www.chc1.com and click on the "Weitzman Symposium" link on the home page (which will be available starting Wednesday, June 8, 2011), or visit the CHC blog at <http://community.chc1.com/> to learn about different ways to access the live stream and interact with the symposium via social media (including Twitter, Facebook, etc).

A strong group of nationally prominent speakers were chosen to speak from multiple perspectives: federal policy, large integrated health systems, national research and outcome data, down to the level of organizing and delivering transformational care both for the medically complex and for the equally challenging social complex populations.

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The presenters include: **Garth Graham**, MD, MPH, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.; **Melinda Abrams**, MS, Vice President, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, NY; **Carl Morris**, MD, MPH, Program Director, Group Health Family Medicine Residency Program, Seattle, WA; **Tim Ferris**, MD, Medical Director, Mass General Physicians Organization (MGPO), Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; **Eric Weil**, MD, Medical Director, MGH Care Management Program, Boston, MA; **Jay Parkinson**, MD, MPH, Co-Founder of Hello Health and Future Well, New York, NY.

The Symposium will attract over 150 leaders in healthcare from around the country, including CEO's and COO's of hospitals, medical centers and community health centers, researchers, policy makers, foundation heads, primary care delivery specialists, health directors and interested community members.

Innovations in healthcare are transforming primary care and are achieving better information, experience and outcomes. While the patient centered medical home initiatives are a strong underlying theme, we recognize that there is no "one size fits all" response, and that different systems, populations, health challenges, and organizations find new and creative ways to achieve the overall goal of transforming healthcare for better quality, improved safety and reduced cost. The symposium brings together health experts and policy makers to share their innovations and outcomes.

About Community Health Center, Inc.

Established in 1972, CHC, Inc. is a statewide primary care organization focused on special populations, improving health outcomes, and building healthy communities. Established in 1972 in Middletown, CT, CHC is building a world class system to care for its more than 130,000 patients from 12 primary care centers and 170 community locations across Connecticut.

About The Weitzman Center for Innovation

The Weitzman Center for Innovation in Community Health and Primary Care was established by CHC in 2005 as a new division devoted to affecting practice and policy through research, publication and consulting. The Weitzman Symposium is one of the center's ongoing efforts to convene people and institutions to create change in healthcare. For more information on the Weitzman Symposium and Community Health Center, Inc., visit che1.com.
