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New weekly WNPR series on healthcare reform

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Middletown, CT - WNPR-Connecticut Public Radio continues to expand its lineup of locally produced series with Community Health Center's weekly radio program Conversations on Health Care, airing Sundays at 4 p.m., beginning June 19.

Conversations on Health Care focuses on opportunities for reform and innovation in the health care system. "Conversations" takes a closer look at some of health care's most pressing topics, through in depth interviews with health care leaders from around the globe. The show will highlight innovations in mobile health technology that are transforming the health care landscape, as well as a "bright idea" about how to make wellness a part of our community's everyday lives.

Co-hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter, of Community Health Center, Inc., have been at the forefront of building Connecticut's primary care system for those in need. Each brings four decades of experience in overcoming the barriers that block access to care.

Mark Masselli, president and CEO of Community Health Center, Inc., noted, "Health Care in America is at the intersection of economics, health care design, technological advancement and consumer engagement. We will explore whether this confluence brings us a system that improves health care for all, or continues the status quo."

Conversations on Health Care is part of WNPR's Health Forum, an initiative that also includes the radio program Yale Cancer Center Answers and the new-to-WNPR program The Real Life Survival Guide. Through WNPR's Health Forum, WNPR continues to demonstrate its commitment to providing listeners with the most recent information on a broad range of health topics ranging from critical advancements in disease treatment to pending health care legislation to practical advice for everyday living.

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 173 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical, dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit chc1.com.

About WNPR/Connecticut Public Radio

WNPR/Connecticut Public Radio, a media service of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN, www.cpb.org), is an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. WNPR serves over 220,000 listeners in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. Its award-winning local programming includes The Faith Middleton Show, Where We Live and The Colin McEnroe Show. Overall, the network brings a broad spectrum of public affairs, entertainment, sports, and educational programming to viewers, listeners, and readers. The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network also includes CPTV/Connecticut Public Television, a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including UConn Women's Basketball, original documentaries, and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children's programming, including playing a historical role in bringing Barney & Friends™, Bob the Builder™ and Thomas & Friends™ to public television. The station offers 11 hours of positive, nurturing children's programming each weekday, reaching 50,000 to 70,000 households daily. For more information, visit www.wnpr.org and/or www.cptv.org.

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