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**Dr. Wanda Montalvo Joins Community Health Center’s  
Weitzman Institute as Associate Director**

**MIDDLETOWN, Conn; December 10, 2015:** Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), Connecticut’s largest primary care provider for underserved populations, announces the appointment of Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN as Associate Director of the Weitzman Institute (WI). Dr. Montalvo will expand WI’s work promoting innovation in primary care through research, quality improvement, and training.

"Wanda is an extremely talented person with a deep understanding of community health centers, our patients, and the mission and potential of the Weitzman Institute," said Daren Anderson, MD, Vice President and Chief Quality Officer of the Weitzman Institute. "She joins us at a time of incredible excitement and growth at Weitzman, as our groundbreaking programs such as Project ECHO, eConsults and PainNet reach into nearly 20 states across the U.S."

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Montalvo began her career at Sunset Park Community Health Center, one of the largest health centers in the country. Prior to joining CHC, Montalvo was the advisor and reviewer for the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veteran Healthcare, Partners Investing in Nursing, CDC/NIH National Diabetes Education Program, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholars.

Dr. Montalvo has provided leadership at the state and national level, including as Northeast Cluster Director for the National Health Disparities Collaborative sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Bureau of Primary Care Health. In this capacity, she worked with health centers on quality improvement methodologies and the use of the Chronic Care Model to improve diabetes, asthma, cardiovascular disease, depression and cancer screening.

Dr. Montalvo earned her Bachelors and Master’s degrees at Long Island University School of Nursing. She completed an RWJ Nurse Fellowship and was a Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar. She received her PhD from the Columbia University School of Nursing where her research focused on Leadership and Political Skill Preparedness of the doctoral prepared nurse, specifically looking at the correlation between mentoring, leadership and political skill.

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Since 1972, Community Health Center, Inc. has been one of the leading healthcare providers in the state of Connecticut, building a world-class primary healthcare system committed to caring for uninsured and underserved populations. CHC is focused on improving health outcomes for its more than 130,000 patients as well as building healthy communities. Recognized as both a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance and a Primary Care Medical Home by The Joint Commission, CHC delivers service in more than 200 locations statewide, offering primary care in medical,

dental and behavioral health services. For more information, visit [www.chc1.com](http://www.chc1.com).