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**Terry Yonker, FNP honored with the Rosemarie Forstner Award
for developing programs to improve healthcare**

Penn Yan, NY — December 2, 2013 — Finger Lakes Community Health, an independent group of federally qualified community health centers, is pleased to announce that Terry J. Yonker, RN, MS, FNP was given the Rosemarie Forstner Award at the recent Community Health Care Association of NYS (CHCANYS) Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. This prestigious award recognizes Ms. Yonker for her tireless work as the Telehealth Clinical Coordinator for Finger Lakes Community Health that includes the implementation of nationally recognized telehealth programming to provide access to a range of healthcare providers for our patients. The Rosemarie Forstner Award is presented annually to an individual in honor of their efforts and advocacy to ensure quality health care as well as a strong commitment to the mission of community health centers.

“We are very proud of Terry and her commitment to providing the very best healthcare solutions for our patients. The success of our Telehealth program is a testament to her dedication to providing expanded access to care. She has advanced our Telehealth Program, which allows us to reach out to other healthcare providers near and far on behalf of the communities that we serve.” says Mary Zelazny, CEO, Finger Lakes Community Health.

The Finger Lakes Telehealth Network is unique in that it strives for a collaborative approach amongst a variety of healthcare providers across the region. Patients in rural areas are given access via video to specialists and other care providers as well as offering distance learning and peer to peer educational opportunities. In addition, it reduces travel time and other costs for patients that may not otherwise have had access to those services.

About Finger Lakes Community Health

Finger Lakes Community Health is an independent healthcare organization, founded in 1989 as a provider of healthcare for agricultural workers. Services are now expanded to provide comprehensive healthcare for everyone, with numerous health centers in the region, including Sodus, Port Byron, Geneva, Penn Yan, Bath, Ovid, King Ferry and Dundee Dental in Yates County.

FLCH also administers a federal migrant voucher program, one of 22 in the U.S., to provide health services to farm workers in 42 upstate NY counties. FLCH is a part of the Federally Qualified Health Center system, receiving federal funds to assist uninsured patients. For more information, please visit www.localcommunityhealth.com.

About the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS)

The purpose of the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) is to ensure that all New Yorkers, including those who are medically underserved, have continuous access to high quality community-based health care services including a primary care home. To do this, CHCANYS serves as the voice of community

health centers as leading providers of primary health care in New York State. CHCANYS works closely with more than 60 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) that operate approximately 600 sites across the state. Serving 1.5 million New Yorkers, these FQHCs are central to New York's health care safety net. Visit www.chcanys.org.

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