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Community Clinic Association Names Louise McCarthy as Chief Executive

Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2011—The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) announced the appointment of Louise McCarthy as President & CEO, effective May First. In this role, she will work toward the organization’s vision to advance the health and human services of communities throughout Los Angeles County, creating a comprehensive health care system for underserved populations to help reduce health disparities in the county.

A seasoned professional, McCarthy brings more than 10 years of association and nonprofit experience—serving most recently as CCALAC’s Interim Co-CEO and Vice President of Governmental Affairs.

“CCALAC members went through an extensive, nationwide search to find the right leader for this organization,” said Jim Mangia, CCALAC Board Chair and CEO of St. John’s Well Child & Family Center. “We are highly confident that Louise has the leadership skills, experience and vision to lead the organization in this exciting time of health reform implementation.”

Since assuming her role as Vice President of Governmental Affairs in 2007, Louise has worked closely with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), the California Primary Care Association (CPCA), LA’s Department of Health Services and a variety of federal, state and local organizations on issues including access to care, federal health care reform, health care systems redesign, school health centers, workforce development, and the expansion of community clinics and health centers and care to medically vulnerable populations. Prior to joining CCALAC, Louise was the Assistant Director of Policy for the California Primary Care Association, where she worked on statewide legislative, regulatory and administrative issues impacting California’s community clinics and health centers. She has also worked for the California Bureau of State Audits, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Louise holds a Masters in Public Policy from the UCLA School of Public Affairs.

Louise serves on the Board of Directors for the California Primary Care Association and the Steering Committees for the LA School Health Centers Coalition, the LA County Children’s Health Initiative, LA Health Action, and the statewide Oral Health Access Council.

Recently, Louise was recognized by the National Association of Community Health Centers and awarded the Betsey K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award for her ongoing efforts in promoting and protecting community health centers at the congressional level. This award is given each year to

individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to ensure that their members of Congress support community health centers and the vital role they play in the health care system.

THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (CCALAC) is the largest regional association of nonprofit community and free clinics in California. Founded in 1994, CCALAC has 45 members that operate more than 138 clinics throughout the county. These clinics serve nearly one million patients per year, the majority of whom are uninsured or underinsured. CCALAC is dedicated to serving and representing the interests of its member clinics as providers of quality health care, including medical, dental and pharmacy services. For more information about CCALAC, visit www.ccalac.org or call (213) 201-6500.

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