

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER RECEIVES HRSA HEALTH CENTER QUALITY LEADER AWARD FOR IMPROVING QUALITY OF CARE**

TORRINGTON, CT, October 3—Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) announces it has received a Health Center Quality Leader Award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

HRSA is the federal agency that oversees the country's more than 1,300 health centers, which serve over 27 million Americans annually. Its Health Center Quality Leader Award is given to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that have achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers and placed in the top 30% of the adjusted quartile rankings for clinical quality measures (CQMs). Issued by HRSA in Fiscal Year 2018 to build upon health centers' 2017 accomplishments, 411 FQHCs received a Quality Leader Award and an allocation of the \$18,208,006 in grant monies. CHWC is one of 16 FQHCs in Connecticut to be given the distinction, and received more than \$67,000 in grant funds.

“We are extremely honored to have received a Health Center Quality Leader Award from HRSA,” says Joanne Borduas, CEO of CHWC. “The award recognizes the highest-performing health centers around the country as well as those that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year. I am proud of our dedicated staff for the critical role they play in enabling us to provide compassionate, high-quality, patient-centered care. They consistently go above and beyond, making us a recognized center of excellence that offers integrated healthcare services to the entire community.”

## **ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

The Community Health & Wellness Center of Greater Torrington is committed to keeping communities healthy. The center, its employees, volunteer practitioners, board members, officer, and independent contractors are deemed to be employees of the Federal Public Health and Human Services. In a compassionate, patient-centered environment, CHWC services are accessible and provided without discriminations, with cultural competence, and where all people matter regardless of their ability to pay.

CHWC offers and continues to develop a range of healthcare services for the underserved throughout northwest Connecticut, including medical, dental, chiropractic, and counseling services. It strives to achieve the reputation of “provider of choice” for affordable, high quality services that achieve positive patient outcomes in a welcoming and caring environment.

CHWC collaborates and advocates with other organizations to increase the region's capacity to meet the communities' health and wellness needs. It is the only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Connecticut to receive a Health Services and Resource's Association's (HRSA) Health Center Program 2017 Quality Leader Award, and is the recipient of its 2018 Health Center quality Leader Award, as well.

CHWC is located at 469 Migeon Avenue, Torrington, CT, and 115 Spencer Street, Winsted, CT, with the following satellite locations: FISH of Torrington, 332 South Main Street, Torrington; Sullivan Senior Center, 88 East Albert Street, Torrington, CT; The Open Door Soup Kitchen, 160 Main Street, Winsted; YMCA Emergency Shelter, 480 Main Street, Winsted; Torrington Soup Kitchen, 220 Prospect Street, Torrington; and Oliver Wolcott Technical School, 75 Oliver Street, Torrington. Telephone 860-489-0931, visit at [www.chwctorr.org](http://www.chwctorr.org) and on Facebook.

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