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COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER RECEIVES HRSA NATIONAL QUALITY LEADER AWARD FOR HEALTHCARE EXCELLENCE

TORRINGTON, CT, May 31—Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) announces that it is one of 46 health centers in the country—and the only one in Connecticut—to have the distinction of receiving The National 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 National Quality Leader Award is bestowed for exceeding national quality benchmarks, Healthy People 2020 goals, or other critical thresholds above the national health center averages in chronic disease management, preventative care, and/or prenatal/perinatal care.

Launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Healthy People 2020 has four overarching goals: to attain high-quality, longer lives free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death; -achieve health equity, eliminate disparities, and improve the health of all groups; create social and physical environments that promote good health for all; promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages.

“We are extremely honored to have received the National Quality Leader Award from HRSA,” says Joanne Borduas, CEO of CHWC. “Our amazing, hard-working healthcare team is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality, patient-centered care. We believe it is our obligation to the northwest corner and our community to be the best we can be and continue to perform as a center of excellence, with integrated healthcare services available to all.”

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.

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 and on Facebook.

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