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NCHL RECOGNIZES EIGHT INITIATIVES FOR 2015 LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE
Proposals from Around the Country Offer Initiatives to Improve Population Health

CHICAGO, August 27, 2015 – The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL), a not-for-profit that works to improve population health by strengthening healthcare leadership, will be recognizing eight innovative initiatives as part of their 2015 Leadership Challenge, *Leading Together* for their pioneering work around enhancing leadership competencies and collaboration skills across stakeholders.

The Leadership Challenge was launched to accelerate the dissemination of innovative approaches to enhancing leadership competencies and collaboration across stakeholders to improve health in communities and populations.

"We are very excited by the great work the '*Leading Together*' challenge has identified," NCHL President Tim Rice said. "The initiatives provide great examples of success in bridging hospitals and health systems, care providers, community organizations, and public health entities in order to maximize their impact on the communities they serve. We look forward to congratulating the leaders of these initiatives, and providing a showcase for their work at our annual NCHL event."

The eight winners of the Leadership Challenge, *Leading Together,* are:

<u>Healthy Community Alliance: Launching Community Partnerships to Serve the Community</u>
Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation, Open Door Health Services, Delaware & Blackford County Health Departments, YMCA, Meridian Health Services, community schools, Muncie Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and Delaware County Metropolitan Planning Commission

<u>Howard University Urban Health Initiative: Shifting the Paradigm to Community-Centered Healthcare Delivery</u>
Howard University, Ward 8 Health Council, DC Community Health Department, Dr. Edwin Chapman, Community Practice

Healthy Cottage Grove Community: Forging Collaborative Leadership to Restore a Thriving Community
Cone Health, Mustard Seed Community Health, Cottage Grove Neighborhood Association, Cottage Grove Initiative, Greensboro Housing Coalition, New Hope Community Development Group, Guilford County Health & Human Services, Hampton Elementary School, UNCG Center for Housing & Community Studies

Healthy Education and Lifestyles Program (HELP): Transforming Healthcare Throughout the Community
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle, Azle Christian Church, Azle Eye Care, Laura's Pharmacy, Safe Harbor Counseling Center

The Healthier Hospital Initiative: Creating a Healthy Environment for Healthy Communities
Carilion Clinic, City of Roanoke, Better Building Works, LLC, Greater Virginia Green Building Council, Greater Roanoke Valley Asthma and Air Quality Coalition, LEAP (Local Environmental Agriculture Project)

Sew Up the Safety Net for Women and Children: Leveraging Community Services to Promote Better Health
Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Medical Center, Oakwood Healthcare System, St. John Providence Health System, Greater Detroit Area Health Council, Michigan Association of Health Plans, Michigan Department of Community Health, University of Michigan School of Public Health, Wayne County Health department, Institute for Population Health, and 18 community partners

Hot Spotters: Understanding Social Causes to Improve Population Health
Association of American Medical Colleges, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Primary Care Progress, and 20 universities from across the country

Get Healthy, Live Well: Engaging People, Ideas, and Resources to Develop and Implement Community Health Strategies
Tanner Health System and 24 task forces consisting of more than 550 volunteers and 160 local, state and national partners

These organizations will present their initiatives during NCHL's 2015 Human Capital Investment Conference on November 17-18 at The Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. Poster showcases will take place on both days with presentations scheduled for the morning of November 18. On November 17, industry leaders will explore collaborations and innovative leadership to improve health in our communities, followed that evening by the eleventh annual NCHL Award Dinner where American Hospital Association President and Chief Executive Officer Richard Umbdenstock, will be honored as the 2015 recipient of the Gail L. Warden Leadership Excellence Award.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP: The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL), a Chicago-based not-for-profit organization, serves as a catalyst across the health sector on initiatives that will help ensure the availability of accountable and transformational healthcare leadership for the 21st century. Its vision is to improve the health of the public through leadership and organizational excellence. For more information please visit NCHL's website at www.nchl.org.

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