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Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

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Coastal Family Health Center under New Ownership Health System Seeks Future Benefits

ASTORIA Ore. – The Board of Directors of Coastal Family Health Center (CFHC) is pleased to announce the execution of an agreement transferring clinic operations in Astoria and Clatskanie to Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC).

YVFWC is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization of community health centers that provides comprehensive medical, dental, pharmacy and social services for more than 141,000 people in Oregon and Washington.

The Coastal Family Health Center Board made the decision after a rigorous process of assessing needs for the future. “As we approach our 15th year in operation, the Board thought it was time for a more in-depth infrastructure. We also need stronger physician recruitment services,” said CFHC Board Chair, Jeanne Windsor. “We believe that Yakima Valley offers the resources and leadership for future service enhancement that our communities need.”

Carlos Olivares, YVFWC CEO, is emphatic in his support for the transaction and the necessary steps that need to be taken to bring the transfer to fruition. “We are working hard to make this plan a reality,” offered Mr. Olivares.

One part of this “hard work” is ensuring a seamless transition and maintaining continuity of care.

“I have done this work in many small towns across Oregon and Washington. There is nothing more important than maintaining the continuity of care your patients expect during this transition. This means making every reasonable effort to retain the excellent team that has assembled in Astoria and Clatskanie,” assured Mr. Olivares.

In another move to support continuity, YVFWC will be keeping the clinic names as they are for a time. The parties expect to have all of the due diligence and transition matters completed so that a smooth transfer can take place on March 1, 2017.

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About Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic: *The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides comprehensive medical, dental, and social services for more than 141,000 people throughout the Pacific Northwest. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs 1,390 full-time staff and more than 600 part-time staff, medical residents, dental residents, students and volunteers. Facilities: 19 medical clinics, 10 dental clinics, 57 programs. Locations: Washington State clinics are located in Grandview, Prosser, Pasco, Spokane, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Yakima, Walla Walla and Wapato. In Oregon, clinics are located in Hermiston, Portland, Salem and Woodburn. Visit: www.yvfwc.com*

About Coastal Family Health Center: *Coastal Family Health Center (CFHC) is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, awarded funding as a Federally Qualified Health Center. Originally started in Astoria, Oregon, Coastal Family Health Center was founded to meet the needs of underserved and uninsured populations of Clatsop County. Since its opening in January 2003, CFHC has grown to 36 staff and has added a health center in Clatskanie along with a unique School-Based Health Center. In 2016, Coastal Family served more than 5300 patients, and provided nearly 18,000 visits. Visit: www.coastalfhc.org*