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GENESEE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER HIRES NEW CEO

Flint, Michigan – Genesee Community Health Center is pleased to announce that Timothy C. Lawther, MPH, MA has begun as the Health Center's new CEO.

Genesee County Community Mental Health (GCCMH) received a grant in June from the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to support the creation of a health center with two sites in Flint. The grant supports the Genesee Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The grant was awarded in the amount of \$608,333; with non-governmental sources of \$590,337 for a total budget of \$1,198,670. The Center will serve the primary health care needs of those who are homeless and those in public housing.

Mr. Lawther, a Master's graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and a Master of Arts in Medical Sociology from Brandeis University, has an extensive background in Public Health. Most recently he was the Assistant Director of the Duval County Health Department in Jacksonville, Florida where he worked on strategy and performance improvement for the FQHC run by the Health Department.

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“We are very pleased that Mr. Lawther is coming back to Michigan and joining the Flint community to develop the Genesee Community Health Center’s FQHC. He brings with him an expertise about FQHCs that will ensure that the Center is an asset to the community,” states Mike Burnett, Genesee Community Health Center’s Board Chair.

“Mr. Lawther brings a wealth of experience in developing services for FQHCs,” notes Danis Russell, CEO of GCCMH. “We are looking forward to working with him to open two health care clinics in Flint. This will meet a community need and help GCCMH to ensure whole-person health for many individuals who are currently not receiving needed health care.”

The Genesee Community Health Center is a partnership between a community-based Board of Directors and Genesee County Community Mental Health. It will provide comprehensive primary, behavioral health and dental care to those in need.

Genesee County CMH provides services and supports to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders. For more information about GCCMH call Customer Services at (810) 257-3705.

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