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Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers Announces New President & Chief Executive Officer

The Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC) is incredibly pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has selected Jessica Yanow as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of AACHC and Collaborative Ventures Network, effective November 16, 2021. Ms. Yanow has spent the last three years as Senior Manager of Community and Health Advancement at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBSAZ) where she has been responsible for the development and execution of BCBSAZ's statewide strategies and initiatives to improve the health of all Arizonans with a focus on Arizona's most pressing health issues. Prior to that, Ms. Yanow spent 11 years at the Alliance, first as Director of Women's Health Programs and Grant Administration from 2008-2014 and then as Chief Operations Officer from 2014-2019.

With more than 20 years in the healthcare field, Ms. Yanow has expertise in women's health, public health, primary care, and social services, as well as government, nonprofit, and healthcare management. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology and minors in near eastern and Judaic studies and women's studies from Brandeis University. She holds a Master of Public Health degree in community health practice from the University of Arizona. She completed the Geiger Gibson capstone fellowship in community health and leadership at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and is certified in federal grants management by Management Concepts.

"I am excited for the future of the Alliance and the great things that will be accomplished under Jessica's leadership and guidance," says AACHC Board President, Christopher (CJ) Hansen. "She is a proven, dynamic, and mission-driven leader and brings strong strategic planning, organization, communication, and execution skills to this role with the ability to independently plan and direct high level business affairs in competitive markets. I have no doubt Jessica will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to drive the Alliance forward."

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The Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers is the Primary Care Association (PCA) for the State of Arizona serving Arizona Health Centers, Look-Alikes, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, tribal organizations, and other safety-net providers. As a PCA, AACHC's role is to provide training and technical assistance based on statewide and regional needs that helps health centers improve programmatic, clinical, and financial performance and operations. As the state's largest network of primary care providers, Arizona health centers serve 1 in 10 Arizonans and nearly 1 in 4 Medicaid enrollees.





