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## **OACHC Appoints Julie DiRossi-King as New President & CEO to Lead the Association into a Promising Future**

The Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Julie DiRossi-King as its new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective August 26.

In DiRossi-King's previous role as Chief Operating Officer, she successfully led federal and state policy campaigns, supported quality improvement and the diversification of health center funding through value-based care initiatives, and ran point as a liaison for Community Health Center COVID-19 response and recovery.

"We are delighted to welcome Julie as our new President & CEO. She has made a tremendous impact over her 17 years of service at OACHC, and we have no doubt she will continue this momentum as our new President and CEO," said Tara Bair, OACHC Board Chair and CEO of Community Health and Wellness Partners. "Her exceptional leadership skills, strategic insights, and mission-driven spirit make her the ideal choice to lead OACHC. We have great confidence that Julie is well poised to capitalize on all emerging opportunities for all Community Health Centers across the state."

"I could not be more humbled and honored to lead this organization," DiRossi-King says. "At its core, OACHC is a group of innovative, dedicated, mission-driven professionals who ignite impact. The support our team provides to Ohio's Community Health centers, so they can in turn deliver the most accessible and comprehensive care to their patients and communities, is truly remarkable. As CEO, I am committed to fostering our continued success while driving towards a healthier future for all Ohioans through the growth and ongoing development of Ohio's Community Health Centers."

DiRossi-King succeeds Randy Runyon, who successfully led the association for 13 years.

**About OACHC | [www.ohiochc.org](http://www.ohiochc.org)**

The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) supports all of Ohio's 59 Federally Qualified Health Centers and FQHC Look-Alikes (more commonly referred to as Community Health Centers or CHCs), providing care to nearly one million Ohioans across 510+ sites throughout 76 of the 88 counties. Community Health Centers are non-profit health care

providers with patient-majority boards that meet the specific needs of the community they serve. For nearly 60 years, CHCs have provided integrated whole person care, often providing medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, vision, and other needed supplemental services under one roof.



**About Julie DiRossi-King:**

Julie DiRossi-King served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers since 2014, and previously served as Policy Director since 2006. Her work has included leading the association's COVID-19 efforts, coordinating value-based payment reform, and overseeing OACHC's public affairs agenda, member technical assistance, and external partnership development. She serves on the Boards of Directors for the Ohio School-Based Health Alliance, Oral Health Ohio, Buckeye Health Plan, Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine, and is a member of the National Association of Community Health Center's Legislative Committee and Vice Chair of the NACHC Advocacy Task Force. Julie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University and lives with her

family in Dublin, Ohio.

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