

Diversity of Patient Population Reflected in Valley Community Healthcare's New Board Members *Vrezhui A. Missakian and Cecilio Valdiva Appointed to Board of Governors*

Cecilio Valdivia, CPA, an audit partner with the renowned international firm, BDO USA LLP, brings 15 years of public accounting experience to the finance committee at Valley Community Healthcare. Valdivia was nominated to the board by Victor Berrellez, current Board Vice-Chair, who he met through the Little League they both support. "As a first generation Mexican American I can relate to the issues faced by the many immigrant patients served by the Center" he said. "By serving on the board I have a way to support my community and this organization." Cecilio Valdivia lives in Santa Clarita with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Meghan, Mathew and Everett.

When Vrezhui A Missakian, CPA, was invited to join the Board, she responded with enthusiasm. "I am the first person in my family to attend college and, as immigrants from Armenia," she commented. "I know firsthand what it took for my parents to create a secure environment so we could thrive. I took every opportunity offered to me, and worked my way through school and college." Missakian now holds a Master's degree in Science of Taxation, and her journey explains why the teen peer education and workforce development programs resonate so strongly with her. She regularly drove past the Valley Community Healthcare North Hollywood Center without realizing the scope of the medical practice available to local residents, and now plans to be an ambassador for the organization and increase awareness in the community. Vrezhui Missakian joined the firm Miller, Kaplan Arase, LLP as a Tax Manager, to be closer to her two boys Avedis (9) and Raffi (7), and lives with her husband Jason in North Hollywood.

About Valley Community Healthcare

For over 45 years, Valley Community Healthcare has provided high quality, culturally sensitive primary medical care and related health services to residents of the San Fernando Valley. With two centers located in North Hollywood and North Hills, and a school-based clinic in Granada Hills, local families have access to a medical home with comprehensive treatment and health management under one roof, regardless of their ability to pay. As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that receives enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, Valley Community Healthcare is mandated to serve an underserved area or population, and have an ongoing quality assurance program. FQHCs offer comprehensive clinical services on a sliding fee scale, and have a governing board of directors, 51% of which must be patients of the center.