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**Valley Community Healthcare Board of Governors Elects New Members,
*Richard A. Gatti, MD, Melissa Fulmer, and Mark J. Phillips, JD.***

North Hollywood, CA---On June 27, 2016, at the Board of Governors monthly meeting at Valley Community Healthcare, Board Chair, Marilyn Amis, MD, welcomed newly-elected board members Richard A. Gatti, MD, Melissa Fulmer, and Mark J. Phillips, JD.

Melissa Fulmer, Managing Director at ETONIEN, LLC, Woodland Hills, an executive recruitment firm specializing in the placement of interim financial and accounting officers, became aware of Valley Community Healthcare when she attended its Casino Royale, 2016 fundraiser at the invitation of board member Greg Martinez Miller. “I’ve been looking for a way to give back to my community,” she said. “When I visited the North Hollywood Center, I was impressed by the dynamic, down to earth management team, and the Center’s mission to provide a wide array of healthcare services to local residents regardless of ability to pay.” Fulmer is on the board of Women for Corporate Growth (ACG 101 division) and believes her personal interest in empowering women in business, and experience in developing mentoring relationships are skills she can bring to support Valley Community Healthcare’s continued growth. Melissa lives with her sons Jeremy and Brayden in Santa Clarita.

Richard A. Gatti, MD, is a renowned cell and molecular biologist in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. In collaboration with an international consortium of scientists, he is exploring how genetic disorders in children, might be repaired through genetic treatments. “I learned of Valley Community Healthcare a few years ago when I read about the clinic’s proposed expansion,” he said. “I’m pleased to join the board because I believe I can help shine a spotlight on the significant role Valley Community Healthcare plays in providing affordable care to the medically underserved in the neighborhood.” Dr. Gatti lives in Sherman Oaks with his wife, Deborah McCurdy, MD, a pediatrician.

Mark J. Phillips, a partner with the Law Offices of Goldfarb, Sturman and Averbach, Encino, became aware of Valley Community Healthcare in 2011 when asked to participate in the clinic’s “Hats Off” event honoring his good friend and colleague, Mel Kohn, a respected San Fernando Valley business leader. Since then, Phillips actively supported the various fundraisers and special events, and came to appreciate the organization’s efforts to reach out to the medically underserved. “I really believe that everyone deserves decent, affordable healthcare,” he said, “and support Valley Community Healthcare’s efforts to treat those falling between the rungs of the financial ladder.” His daughter, Aryn, is pursuing her PhD in public health at Berkeley, son, Michael, works in the public health sector, and youngest son, Jake, is a

junior at Northwestern University in Evanston. Phillips lives with his wife Sandy in Oak Park, and will bring this expertise as an estate planner and tax attorney to the Finance Committee of the board.

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.