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VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PRESIDENT & CEO, PAULA WILSON, INVITED PANELIST
AT HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP FORUM & AWARDS BREAKFAST
Los Angeles Healthcare Leaders Discuss Healthcare, Delivery Systems and Impact on Business

Los Angeles, CA---Paula Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley Community Healthcare, a leading nonprofit community health center located in the San Fernando Valley, participated in a healthcare panel discussion at the Los Angeles Business Journal's 2015 Healthcare Leadership Forum & Awards breakfast, Wednesday April 29, 2015. Other panelists were Joseph C. Alvarnas, MD, Director of Medical Quality, City of Hope; William N. Grice, Executive Director, Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center; Dr. Josh Luke, FACHE, Executive Faculty, University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy; Harry Nelson, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Nelson Hardiman LLP.

By comparison, Paula brought a humanistic perspective and a unique understanding of the population most impacted by the Affordable Care Act. She discussed how organizations such as Valley Community Healthcare will manage Medi-Cal patients, medically underserved residual populations, and wellness communities in the years to come. She explained that over the past 50 years, community healthcare centers have moved from a non-traditional clinical alternative to being part of the system, and they are the convener of communities, the voice of the underserved, and the advocates of health care for all.

"Because we now have strong working partnerships with hospitals, social service agencies, and affordable health plans, we are able to provide patients with comprehensive primary care and an integrated wellness program," she said. "We are focused on developing a "system of care" that will address the needs of aging boomer generation patients by integrating primary care with mental health services, end-of-life palliative care and specialty services."

Paula Wilson brings more than 20 years of nonprofit healthcare administration to the forum. Under her leadership the former Valley Community Clinic became a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) expanded the array of clinical services provided to under-served patients, increased its budget by 63%, and opened two full service centers and school-based satellite clinics, serving over 20,000 individuals in the San Fernando Valley.

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