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## COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER APPOINTS NEW CEO

JOLIET – Veteran health care administrator Mary Coffey has been appointed to serve the Will County Community Health Center as Chief Executive Officer.

Coffey resides in Frankfort with her husband and two daughters. She brings more than 20 years of diverse health care experience to her new post. She joined the Community Health Center in 2004, and previously served the county's only Federally Qualified Health Center as Chief Operating Officer.

Coffey assumed her new duties March 19, after the Will County Board of Health and the Will County Community Health Center Governing Council endorsed the promotion. She will report to the Governing Council and the Will County Health Department Executive Director.

"Ms. Coffey has shown a willingness to accept ever-increasing responsibilities without prompting, and has done an admirable job of seeing the agency through many transitions during a relatively short tenure as Chief Operating Officer," according to Community Health Center Governing Council Chairman Steve Davis. "Her leadership and talents will help the Health Center continue to provide a good medical home for those in our community who need help the most."

A registered nurse, Coffey owns a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Chicago's St. Xavier University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Illinois University. A member of the Frankfort School District 157C Board of Education, she also serves on the University of St. Francis College of Nursing and Allied Health Advisory Board, and is a member of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association's Assembly of Delegates.

The Will County Community Health Center and Dental Clinic is the primary care component of the Will County Health Department. The Health Center (1106 Neal Avenue in Joliet), offers access to a comprehensive mix of primary care services with a vision of improved health for patients and the community as its primary aim. Founded in 1996, the Community Health Center has been the medical and dental home for more than 39,500 Will County residents since 2006. Health Center staff provided critical treatment during more than 63,000 medical and dental encounters during 2007.

The Community Health Center provides services six days weekly.

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