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UNITY HEALTH CARE'S (UNITY) DR. DIANA LAPP, DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT RECIEVES THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (DCHA) HAYNES RICE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Washington, DC – Wednesday, October 19, 2011, Diana Lapp, MD, received the prestigious DCHA Haynes Rice Community Service Award for her work with the incarcerated in the District of Columbia jail. The DCHA Haynes Rice Community Service Award is presented for meritorious service to improve the health status of the communities served by DCHA members by demonstrating leadership to solve problems and overcome barriers to cooperative action.

Dr. Diana Lapp was selected for her ongoing commitment and dedication to her patients and staff within the jail ensuring that her team provides quality and compassionate health care services regardless of an individual's life circumstance. Dr. Lapp stated, "I believe with continued cooperation and care for the patients we serve, Unity's model for quality comprehensive healthcare will only improve and become more of a national model with access and continuity of care for all of DC from homeless healthcare, community health, correctional health and hospital care."

In 2010, the District of Columbia Department of Corrections was awarded the Exemplary Offender Program Award by the American Correctional Association (ACA) for Unity's Automatic HIV Testing and Counseling Program. This prestigious honor is highly competitive and awarded to one correctional institution that has demonstrated excellence in the development and evidence-based execution of an outstanding initiative directed toward enhancing the constructive growth of incarcerated populations.

Under Dr. Lapp's oversight, Unity has been providing comprehensive health care for 17,000 - 18,000 inmates a year since October 2006. During that time, Unity has maintained National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Accreditation for the DOC Central Treatment Facility (CTF) and Central Detention Facility (CDF). In addition, Unity has maintained the American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation for the DOC CTF and for the first time in DOC's history, Unity helped them achieve ACA Accreditation for their CDF.

"Everyone at Unity Health Care is so proud of Dr. Lapp's great accomplishment," stated Vincent A. Keane, President and CEO of Unity Health Care, Incorporated and as we enter into our 6th

year in serving the men and women in the DC jail, we will continue to ensure that the medical and supportive service needs of our patients remain paramount.”

Unity Health Care, Inc. is Washington, DC’s largest nonprofit health and social services organization serving more than 81,000 individuals and families annually. Unity serves individuals and families in all eight wards of the District of Columbia through its network of health service centers that include Community Health Centers, sites serving homeless individuals and a mobile medical outreach unit. Unity serves the most vulnerable residents of the District including the uninsured, working poor, homeless, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated. For more information about Unity Health Care, Inc., visit our website at www.unityhealthcare.org or contact our Marketing Department at (202) 715-7887.