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### **OACHC Honors McCarthy, Moody for Outstanding Achievement**

(Columbus, Ohio) – The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) honored John McCarthy, Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and Greg Moody, Director of the Office of Health Transformation at their 2014 Annual Conference, *“Embracing the New Healthcare Landscape”*. Director McCarthy was on hand to accept the award for outstanding achievement in Health Policy and Medicaid reform.

“It is only under the leadership of Directors McCarthy and Moody that Ohio has begun to modernize and reform the Ohio Medicaid program, improving the health of Ohioans while also reigning in costs,” said OACHC President and CEO Randy Runyon.

Runyon went on to say, “As the Directors continue to reform the Ohio Medicaid program, OACHC looks forward to our ongoing collaborations and together, finding new and innovative ways to provide efficient and quality health care. These ongoing collaborations between everyone in the health care system, payor and provider alike, is what ultimately will drive quality and value across the board and thus, truly transform Ohio’s healthcare landscape.”

Added Runyon, “They are to be commended for their leadership, vision, and commitment to increasing appropriate access to quality and cost effective healthcare for all Ohioans. It not only makes sense to allow for Ohioans to access the appropriate level of care at the right time and in the appropriate setting verse costlier environments like the Emergency Departments, but it also makes dollars and cents too.”

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The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers supports access to high quality, affordable health care through the growth and development of Federally Qualified Health Centers and FQHC Look-Alikes, more commonly referred to as Community Health Centers. OACHC represents Ohio’s 43 Community Health Centers with over 200 care delivery sites in 55 of Ohio’s 88 counties. In 2012, Community Health Centers provided care to over 550,000 Ohioans and recorded well over 2,000,000 patient visits. **Furthermore, Ohio’s Health Centers are providing care to nearly 10% of all Medicaid beneficiaries while their Medicaid payments make up less than 1% of all Medicaid ambulatory care spending.**