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## Illinois Primary Health Care Association Names Cyrus Winnett Interim President and CEO

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Board of Directors of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, representing the state’s community health centers, is proud to announce Cyrus Winnett as its Interim President & CEO.

Winnett currently serves as IPHCA’s Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Governmental Affairs. In this role, he leads the Association’s efforts relative to all legislative and public policy matters, regularly engaging with pertinent state agencies, the Illinois General Assembly, and the United States Congress. He replaces Jordan Powell, who departs IPHCA on Dec. 11 for a new role in health care.

“During his time with the Association, Cyrus has led on many of the Association’s core priorities, including advocating for additional resources and leading on payment methodology transformation. He has proven himself to be a successful leader, earning recognition and praise from his colleagues, IPHCA members and the Board of Directors, the National Association of Community Health Centers, policymakers and lawmakers at the state and federal levels. We are proud to have Cyrus lead our organization through this leadership transition,” said Kenneth Burnett, Chairperson of the IPHCA Board of Directors.

“I am incredibly honored that the IPHCA Board of Directors has entrusted me with leading this organization during this transition,” Winnett said of his appointment. “Throughout my career, I have been guided by the belief that health care should be treated as a right and not a privilege. Having the opportunity to work for an association of providers that are united in a mission to strengthen our communities by ensuring everyone has the health care and social support they need is an incredible opportunity. I am thankful to provide support in any way I can, and I look forward to what the future holds for this organization and the community health centers it represents.”

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with IPHCA and am proud of all that we have been able to accomplish together. Cyrus Winnett has proved himself to be a passionate, professional leader who will do an excellent job of managing IPHCA. In just two years with this organization, he has led on some of our greatest accomplishments in many years and earned the respect and support of his colleagues and others in health care policy,” said Powell.

Winnett’s appointment continues his accomplished public policy career. He served as Vice President of Health and Long-Term Care Policy at IARF, a statewide association representing community care providers for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, behavioral health needs and substance use disorders. He also served as Associate Director for the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans, representing Medicaid managed care organizations.

He received his baccalaureate degree in political science from Illinois State University. Winnett resides in Springfield with his wife, Katy, and two young children, Rowan and Ashford.

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### **ABOUT IL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION**

IPHCA is a health care trade association representing Illinois' 51 community health centers that collectively serve more than 1.4 million patients at 390 sites statewide. Community health centers provide accessible, comprehensive and integrated services and are known for providing high quality outcomes while substantially reducing health care expenditures, saving the state of Illinois nearly \$2 billion on an annual basis according to an independent economic analysis.