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### **Partners in Care VP of Health Services Accepted to Practice Change Leadership Program**

#### **Transforming Leadership in Aging Programs and Health Care Organizations**

**SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (Oct. 7, 2017)** — [Partners in Care Foundation \(Partners\)](#), is pleased to announce that Anwar Zoueihid, Vice President of Health Services, was selected to participate in the sixth cohort of the [Practice Change Leaders](#) program.

This 2018 class of Practice Change Leaders for Aging and Health was identified from professionals who responded to a highly competitive nationwide call for applications. Mr. Zoueihid is one of only 10 leaders chosen to participate in the prestigious program, aimed at building leadership capacity among professionals who have a key role in a health care delivery organization, health-related institution, or community-based organization with direct responsibility for care that impacts older adults.

Through participation in the 14-month Practice Change Leaders program, awardees receive \$45,000 and the support of local and national mentors to further develop their leadership skills and to complete a project aimed at implementing a new geriatric service line or aging program. Complementing their development as individual leaders, the cohort will join a collegial network of dedicated professionals who share a commitment to improving health and health care outcomes in older adults.

Transitional leadership care is integral to shaping the future of health care. As part of the Practice Change Leaders program, Zoueihid will enrich the California Community Transitions program at Partners by focusing on adults who reside in high-level care facilities, such as nursing homes, and who are Medi-Cal or are dually eligible. The goals of this project strive to enhance quality of life for health plan members through social services and case management. Zoueihid oversees Partners' community health center programs and services that connect adults with specialty and primary care, housing, moving assistance, personal care services, mental health support, transportation, financial assistance, and much more.

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“Health plans identify clients, verify their eligibility, conduct joint visits with us, and share information on our transitional care services,” said Partners CEO, June Simmons. “When the client is interested in a transition, they receive a warm hand-off to one of our *transition coordinators* who works to return a nursing home patient back to the community—leadership is critical in providing holistic, individualized, and excellent patient care.”

### **About Practice Change Leaders**

The Practice Change Leaders program is made possible by the generous support of the Atlantic Philanthropies, a limited life foundation, and the John A. Hartford Foundation. The program is under the direction of Eric A. Coleman, MD, MPH. To learn more about the program, please visit [www.changeleaders.org](http://www.changeleaders.org).

### **About Atlantic Philanthropies**

The Atlantic Philanthropies are dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Atlantic is a limited life foundation that makes grants through its five program areas: Ageing, Children & Youth, Population Health, Reconciliation & Human Rights, and Founding Chairman. Atlantic is active in Bermuda, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United States and Viet Nam. To learn more, please visit: [www.atlanticphilanthropies.org](http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org).

### **About John A. Hartford Foundation**

The John A. Hartford Foundation is a private philanthropy working to improve the health of older Americans. After three decades of championing research and education in geriatric medicine, nursing, and social work, today the Foundation pursues opportunities to put geriatrics expertise to work in all health care settings. This includes advancing practice change and innovation, supporting team-based care through interdisciplinary education of all health care providers, supporting policies and regulations that promote better care, and developing and disseminating new evidence-based models that deliver better, more cost-effective health care. The Foundation was established by John A. Hartford. Mr. Hartford and his brother, George L. Hartford, both former chief executives of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, left the bulk of their estates to the Foundation upon their deaths in the 1950s. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs is available at [www.jhartfound.org](http://www.jhartfound.org).



### **About Partners in Care Foundation**

Partners in Care Foundation (Partners) is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit organization serving communities providing preventative support and social services to adults with complex health issues since 1997. Partners is a family of healthcare innovators collaborating with a wide array of health plans, hospitals and physician networks, community based organizations, and governmental agencies. Based in the Greater Los Angeles area, Partners is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Partners is the largest organization of its kind in California. For more information, visit [www.picf.org](http://www.picf.org).

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