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WPHCA Dedicated to Transformational Systems Change to Improve Access to Primary Care in Partnership with Crowley Administration and Legislature

Madison, WI – Following last night's election results, WPHCA appreciates the dedication of every candidate pursuing a shared vision for Wisconsin where all individuals have access to high-quality, affordable health care. While candidates shared different approaches to achieving that goal, one fact remains true: health care is an essential concern for many Wisconsinites who are seeking local, affordable care, and the current system is not working for so many. Community Health Centers are a bright spot in that system – a proven model that works to deliver results for patients.

"Community Health Centers continue to demonstrate their ability to improve access and health care outcomes while ensuring affordability for patients in both rural and urban communities," said Scott Stewart, WPHCA's CEO. *"This is a critical time in the state to focus on transformational changes to our health care system, and WPHCA is ready to be a key partner in this process to share what's working, where new investments and thinking are needed, and collaborate with all willing stakeholders to deliver on a future where every Wisconsinite achieves their full health potential."*

"We are especially appreciative of all policymakers, including Governor-Elect Crowley, for visiting Community Health Centers this campaign season and truly listening to the stories of patients and providers. We look forward to working with the Crowley Administration and the legislature to improve the health care system for the betterment of our communities."

WPHCA and Community Health Centers are well-positioned to advise policymakers on the key issues impacting the health of local communities and effective tools to improve both care availability and affordability. Key priorities for the new legislative session include continuing to support and strengthen Medicaid, investing in prevention and primary care to bend the cost curve, improving access to medical, dental, and behavioral health through workforce partnerships, and centering community health by addressing upstream drivers. These focus areas are not partisan - they are longstanding priorities shared across the aisle that make communities healthier. WPHCA congratulates Governor-Elect Crowley, Speaker-Elect Neubauer, and Majority Leader-Elect Hesselbein for historic wins, and all legislators for their service and dedication to Wisconsinites. Let's get to work improving the health of Wisconsinites together.

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