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Health Care Agency Hires Chief Financial Officer

[Ventura County, Calif.] The Health Care Agency has hired Karla Valle, as its Chief Financial Officer after a lengthy, nationwide search. Ms. Valle has been the Area Chief Financial Officer for Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and Health Plan in Antelope Valley and Panorama City, California, since 2012, and held a number of positions over a total of fourteen years with Kaiser prior to that role.

In her most recent role she oversaw the finances at a 218-bed hospital, which employed over 1,400 full time employees and had 12,500 hospital discharges per year. Ms. Valle was responsible for managing revenues of \$2.1 billion, with an annual budget of \$2 billion. Additionally she oversaw 398,000 Kaiser Health Plan Members in a large, culturally diverse community.

She received her MBA at the University of Phoenix and holds a BS in Finance from California State University Northridge. She also holds a certification in Executive Leadership from Harvard Business School.

“I am humbled and excited to be joining the Ventura County Health Care Agency,” said Ms. Valle, “and look forward to utilizing my healthcare experience to further the goals set by the county Health Care Agency. My expertise lies in successfully developing and implementing strategic business plans to maximize efficiency and realize substantial revenue growth. I believe my ability in managing and mentoring teams positions me to make a significant contribution to the HCA.”

Agency Director Bill Foley said that having this critical hire in place will strongly support his vision for taking the Health Care Agency into the future. “Karla is a strong addition to our leadership team and will contribute greatly to our success going forward.”

Ms. Valle’s first day will be March 4, 2019.

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