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SIHD Welcomes New Nurse Practitioner

Lone Pine, CA, April 12, 2017 — HCCA/Southern Inyo Healthcare District welcomed its newest team member Teresa McFarland as its new provider at the Southern Inyo Rural Health Clinic for Southern Inyo Healthcare District. Teresa comes to Southern Inyo from Bakersfield, California, where she was the Nurse Practitioner for the Bakersfield City School District. Previously, she served as a nurse practitioner at a variety of organizations and healthcare facilities, including the United States Navy Reserve in Moreno Valley, California.

Chief Restructuring Officer/Administrator Alan Germany states, *"We are pleased to have Ms. McFarland join our clinical staff at the Southern Inyo Rural Health Clinic. Her patient-centered care and expertise will be of extreme value to the Lone Pine community. Her experience as a diabetes educator will be a tremendous addition to Southern Inyo Community Clinic's array of services."*

"I have received such a warm welcome here at Lone Pine. I look forward to making this my new home. It really is a great place to live and work", states Ms. McFarland. *"I am excited to acquaint myself with the community and look forward to collaborating with our clinic staff to provide quality care to our community residents and visitors"*.

Ms. McFarland's professional affiliations include the California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP), American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Ms. McFarland joins the slate of providers at Southern Inyo Rural Health Clinic, which is open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. The clinic offers a full array of primary care services from pediatrics to geriatrics. It provides a patient-centered model of care, which supports the patient being participatory in their health care needs. In partnership with Southern Inyo Hospital, the clinic also provides a variety of specialists to help its patients stay healthy without traveling long distances.

Since January 2016, HCCA has guided the healthcare operations of the Southern Inyo Healthcare District, which includes a 24/7 physician-staffed emergency room in a critical access hospital, skilled nursing facility, clinic, as well as additional healthcare services. The district proudly serves the healthcare needs of its residents and visitors.

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HCCA manages and operates Tulare Regional Medical Center, a 112-bed general acute-care facility in Tulare, and Southern Inyo Healthcare District in Lone Pine.