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Tennessee Primary Care Association adds staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 27, 2015) -- The Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA) has announced the following additions:

Elizabeth Brown, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator. Brown previously served as the senior Affordable Care Act specialist at Nashville CARES. She has been a Certified Application Counselor since 2013 and performed outreach and enrollment with organizations such as Enroll America and the Tennessee Health Care Campaign. She also has provided eligibility and enrollment assistance as a patient services representative in hospitals throughout Middle Tennessee with an emphasis on TennCare, SSI/SSDI, and the Affordable Care Act. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Belmont University and a master's in social work from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Christian Ketel, Health Informatics Team Leader. Ketel has worked on almost every level of health care throughout his career. In addition to his new role at TPCA, he is an instructor and clinic coordinator for the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Prior to this, he served as the chief information officer at University Community Health Services. Ketel is a registered nurse and earned his bachelor of science in nursing degree from Middle Tennessee State University, his master of science in nursing from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and his doctorate of nursing practice degree from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.

Ashley Pasquariello, Data Analyst. Prior to joining TPCA, Pasquariello was a research associate with EMT Associates, Inc., where she worked extensively with community-based prevention coalitions and state agencies. She gained additional experience as a research analyst with the Vanderbilt Institute for Medicine and Public Health, and as a community organizing intern with Citizens UK in London. She has a bachelor of science degree from Vanderbilt University, with a double major in human and organizational development and public policy studies.

Luke Terwilliger, Clinical Coordinator. Terwilliger previously served as cooperative living program manager at Monroe Harding, Inc., where he was responsible for supervising and training residential staff, assisting in the development of community partnerships, and helping teenage males build independent living skills through trauma informed care. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication with an emphasis in conflict management from Pacific Lutheran University.

"The addition of these exceptional new staff members is indicative of how TPCA is growing to better serve our members," said Kathy Wood-Dobbins, TPCA chief executive officer. "We look forward to working with our members and other partners as we continue to seek ways to improve health outcomes across the state."

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The Tennessee Primary Care Association improves access to primary health care through leadership, advocacy, and support, as the voice of community health centers. TPCA's membership is comprised of more than 30 non-profit primary care clinics operating more than 200 satellite sites that provide high quality, comprehensive primary care to people across the state. Member health centers served more than 372,000 Tennesseans in 2011 and continue to see their patient numbers grow.

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