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Former OHA Medical Director becomes new YCCO CMO

McMinnville Oregon, June 29th 2020 – In June 2020, Yamhill Community Care welcomed Dr. Jim Rickards, MD, MBA, MPH, board-certified radiologist to their leadership team as the new Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. Rickards began his career in the field of medicine at the well-known community hospital, Willamette Valley Medical Center. While at WVMC, he interpreted medical imaging studies such as CAT scans and MRIs.

Dr. Rickards' career exemplifies a dedication to Oregonians and the health of Oregon communities. He has served as the Medical Director for the Oregon Health Authority, where he helped develop and guide health policy and legislation at the state level. His most recent position at Moda Health as Senior Medical Director for Population Health allowed him to integrate value-based payment models and population health strategies for both commercial insurances, as well as Medicare and Medicaid populations.

Holding to the YCCO mission, Dr. Rickards understands the importance of a positive impact on the health of whole populations and communities in our state and believes our health results from what happens in both the clinic and the community. He was a part of the group of local leadership that started Yamhill CCO and has also served on the YCCO Board of Directors. In previous years, Dr. Rickards served as YCCO's Health Strategy Officer.

“Dr. Rickards' role at YCCO is to make sure that we are engaging with our contracted health care providers, ensuring the highest quality of medical care is delivered to YCCO members” said Seamus McCarthy, CEO, YCCO. “His background reflects the knowledge it takes to accomplish this work. Dr. Rickards also comes to us with an in-depth understanding of value-based payment models and population health strategies, which is just another component of CCO 2.0 and the requirements of our 5-year contract. We are excited to have him on board; he is a true asset to YCCO and the 28,587 members we serve.”

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About Yamhill Community Care

Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) is a Coordinated Care Organization that serves Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members in Yamhill County and parts of Washington and Polk counties. YCCO's more than 30 employees provide coordinated care services for physical, dental and behavioral health out of their office in McMinnville. The team is dedicated to improving members quality of life by coordinating family support services and effective, integrated, patient-centered care.

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