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Attention: News Editors

**Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre to be honoured
at landmark Second Stage of Medicare conference**

TORONTO – Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre (HUCCHC) and its Executive Director, Denise Brooks, are to be honored tomorrow evening, June 7, as part of the Association of Ontario Health Centres landmark Second Stage of Medicare Conference.

The AOHC Award is conferred on those people who have “distinguished themselves in the community health arena and whose body of work has influenced political awareness of the key role of the social determinants of health.” “It is our honour to pay tribute to Denise Brooks who has transformed the AOHC into a formidable and respected policy and advocacy organization and for profoundly influencing the way in which members work with the communities they serve,” says Adrianna Tetley, AOHC Executive Director. “Her leadership has been extraordinary.”

In addition to the AOHC Award, two core programs of Hamilton Urban Core, Anger Management for Men and the Somali-Midgan and Roma Minority Community Initiative, will receive EPIC Awards for “Excellence in Primary Health Care”.

HUCCHC is a trusted provider of high-quality primary health care and vital services and programs to more than 10,000 registered clients. Its 10 years of service have changed the lives of thousands of people and helped shape the inner city in many positive ways.

The Association of Ontario Health Centres represents Ontario’s 89 – and growing - Community Health Centres, Aboriginal Health Access Centres and Community Family Health Teams.

Conference speakers include Roy Romanow, author of Canada’s report on the future of Medicare, and George Smitherman, Ontario’s Minister of Health and Long Term Care. TVO’s Steve Paikin will chair a panel discussion on policy direction for the second stage of Medicare. More than 500 professionals and policymakers from across Canada will be in attendance.

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