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Head of County's Health Care Agency Announces Retirement

Santa Ana, Calif. (Jan. 24, 2017) – Mark Refowitz, Director of Orange County's Health Care Agency (OCHCA), announced plans to retire at the end of March.

Refowitz began his career with the County of Orange in 2008 as the OCHCA Director of Behavioral Health Services. He was appointed Director of the OCHCA in 2012, a department with approximately 2,700 full-time employees and an annual budget in excess of \$620 million. Refowitz was appointed to the CalOptima Board of Directors in February 2012, elected Chairman in May of that year and has continued to serve in that capacity today. Under his leadership, the National Committee for Quality Assurance has rated CalOptima as its top Medicaid health plan in California for the past three years.

Refowitz also serves on the Health Care Committee and the Healthy Counties Advisory Board of the National Association of Counties (NACo), assignments that require annual appointments by the California State Association of Counties. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Disability Directors, a NACo affiliate. His background also includes a variety of roles on the boards of non-profit organizations.

"Mark has been a wonderful asset to the County of Orange as the leader of the Health Care Agency," said Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel, Second District Supervisor. "We thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement."

OCHCA is a regional provider, charged with protecting and promoting individual, family and community health through coordination of public and private sector resources. HCA's organizational structure includes five major service areas: Correctional Health Services, Public Health Services, Behavioral Health Services, Regulatory/Medical Health Services and Administrative Services. The organization has more than 120 funding sources in addition to a wide array of regulatory and direct service mandates.

The County is conducting a public recruitment for the Director of OCHCA. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2k04xEO>.

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