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AAPCHO Appoints Jen Lee Deputy Director

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), a national organization of health centers and other community-based organizations serving Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (NHPIs), announced that it has appointed Jen Lee, MPH as deputy director effective today, October 26, 2020. Lee has served as director of community services and partnerships since March 2014, overseeing the organization’s health center training and technical assistance, membership engagement initiatives, and community-facing outreach and education programs.

In the newly defined role of Deputy Director, Lee will work closely with the Executive Director to further strengthen AAPCHO’s infrastructure and strategic response to the increasing demand for the organization’s programs, services and advocacy to improve the health of AA and NHPI communities across the country. Working collaboratively with the organization’s leadership and key partners, Lee will uphold new strategic directions to improve internal alignment and external community-based partnership capacity to support AAPCHO’s commitment to ensuring that AA and NHPI communities have better access to affordable, high quality, and culturally and linguistically responsive health care.

“It has been and continues to be a great privilege to serve our communities alongside Jen,” said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. “She brings years of community health center experience and exemplifies AAPCHO’s guiding principles and values that health care is a right for all. I am confident that through our continued partnership and leadership, Jen will strengthen AAPCHO’s capacity to address the diverse needs of our communities as we continue to grow and expand our impact.”

Lee has worked within and on behalf of community health centers and in public health for more than 20 years. Her experience spans programming design and delivery in HIV/AIDS prevention and care services, diabetes prevention, outreach work in rural communities, reproductive health access, health care workforce development, and health advocacy. Prior to joining AAPCHO, she served at Asian Health Services, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Oakland, Calif. for 14 years, first as a community health worker to then providing oversight of the health center’s prevention education programs, school-based health expansion, community outreach, translation and medical interpreter certification, and advocacy initiatives including the health center’s Patient Leadership Council program.

“This is a significant moment in the history of AAPCHO and our country as a whole,” said Jen Lee, deputy director of AAPCHO. “I am humbled, energized, and continuously inspired by my colleagues at AAPCHO and our health center and community partners. I look forward to continuing to advocate for the unique and diverse health needs of AA and NHPI communities with you, and on behalf of the community health providers that work passionately to serve those needs.”

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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