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APRIL 19, 2023 — OCEAN HEALTH INITIATIVES RECEIVES 100% HRSA SITE VISIT SCORE

Ocean Health Initiatives, a nonprofit community health center in Ocean and Monmouth County, is supremely proud to announce that after a long, challenging process, we have received the rare distinction of a 100% score on our most recent HRSA site visit!

The site visit is an opportunity for health centers to demonstrate their compliance with a wide gambit of federal regulations. Generally occurring every three years, health centers are judged on an array of topics that include both administrative and clinical policies and practices. Receiving a perfect score is an incredible feat given the magnitude of things covered and the attention to detail that takes place during the site visit. To make such an achievement come to fruition required meticulous preparation.

The CEO of the organization, Theresa Berger, says, “it’s an outstanding feat. The team worked tirelessly for ten weeks to prepare all of our documents, review all of our policies and practices, and identify ways to ensure that we met the requirements of the site visit. Though it was very grueling at times, the OHI team demonstrated its impressive capacity for collaboration and camaraderie. Despite the tragic loss of our CFO, Chris Ollemer, all of his hard work before the visit proved to be some of his best. He was an angel on my shoulder and a guiding light for the organization.”

While OHI is celebrating this amazing result, we humbly recognize that this is more than simply a test score; and it is a reflection of the hard work we do to deliver the highest quality care to our patients.

About Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI): Ocean Health Initiatives (OHI) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) federally qualified health center (FQHC) with seven health centers, a Mobile Medical Unit and two school-based wellness programs in Ocean and Monmouth County. OHI health centers are at 101 Second Street, Lakewood; 10 Stockton Dr, Toms River; 333 Haywood Road, Manahawkin; Manchester, 686 Route 70, Lakehurst; 798 Route 539, Building 3, Little Egg Harbor; 1610 Route 88, Suite 204, Brick; and 20 Jackson Street, Freehold. The school-based wellness programs in Lakewood are in the Clifton Avenue Elementary School, 625 Clifton Avenue; and Lakewood High School, 855 Somerset Avenue, Suite A. The Freehold, Lakewood, Little Egg Harbor and Manchester health centers have pharmacies.



OHI provides comprehensive primary and preventative health and dental care to Ocean and Monmouth County's uninsured, underinsured and insured populations. A sliding-fee scale is available, based on an individual's or family's ability to pay. Services include family and internal medicine, dental, pediatrics, women's health, behavioral health and social services, podiatry and pharmacy services.

OHI has a bilingual staff available to assist patients and callers. To become a patient of OHI, call 732-363-6655. Visit www.ohinj.org for further information.