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HEALTH CENTER WELCOMES NEW CHIEF OF OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

FORMER MIDWIFE ALSO WELCOMED BACK

New Haven, CT — The Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, a leading provider of community healthcare for over forty years, is pleased to announce the appointment of Conwell B. Carter, MD as Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Carter, a Board certified obstetrician and gynecologist, joins the health center from Los Angeles, California where he most recently served as the Associate Clinical Chief of Obstetrics at [Cedars-Sinai Medical Center](#). In addition to his administrative role at Cedars-Sinai, Dr. Carter maintained a private practice in the Los Angeles area for over forty years, during which time he delivered 5,896 babies.

Throughout his career, Dr. Carter has also maintained a focus on patient education, giving lectures on such topics as oral contraceptives and hormone replacement therapy. He has won several awards including the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Students Core Clerkship Teaching Award in 2007 and 2008, and the Cedars-Sinai Health Associates Patient Satisfaction Award for 2006 and 2007.

“Dr. Carter’s appointment highlights the quality of care as well as the caliber of providers available at not only our health center but at community health centers across the nation,” said Jamesina Henderson, the health center’s Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Tom McNamee, the health center’s Chief Medical Officer added:

“It is always a good day when you have a physician of Dr. Carter’s stature join your team. It’s obviously a benefit to the health center but more importantly it’s a benefit to our patients. That’s what matters most.”

“There are many factors that I took into consideration when weighing this opportunity; however, my desire to make a difference in a population that is typically underserved far outweighed any other factor,” said Dr. Carter. “I am thrilled to be here and cannot wait to start seeing patients.”

Dr. Carter received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

In addition to Dr. Carter, the health center is welcoming another new face to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, although this is a familiar one. Sue Ortoleva, a Certified Nurse Midwife, worked at the health center for ten years prior to joining a private practice six years ago.

“When I worked at the health center previously, I felt a sense of satisfaction knowing that in the course of my day I may have changed someone’s life if even in just a little way. It was that feeling that brought me back to the health center,” said Ortoleva.

Ortoleva received her nursing degree from Grace-New Haven Nursing School and her certification in nurse midwifery from the University of Arizona.

To learn more about the health center’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology please visit <http://www.hillhealthcenter.com/services/medical/obstetrics.shtml>.

The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center is the oldest and among the largest community health centers in Connecticut. The center provides integrated medical, dental and behavioral health solutions throughout the greater New Haven area and the Naugatuck Valley with the goal of improving the health status of patients and the community at large. The Cornell Scott – Hill Health Center has been a leader in community healthcare innovation for over 40 years. Learn more at www.hillhealthcenter.com.

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