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Delta Health Center Sadly Announces the Death of Dr. Ronsheka Palmer, Chief Operating Officer

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Mound Bayou, MS: On the evening of Monday, August 1, 2022, Dr. Ronsheka Palmer was involved in a tragic car accident that claimed her life. Dr. Palmer served as Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Delta Health Center and was a critical member of the executive team. In 2014 she joined our organization as Family Nurse Practitioner quickly rising to Clinical Quality Officer and ultimately COO. Dr. Palmer's work was critical to our successful expansion efforts, including those at Hollandale, Mayersville, Rolling Fork, Leland, seven school-based clinics in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District, and most recently, Mississippi Valley State University. Under her leadership we completed the Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA) required Operational Site Visits with perfect scores since 2015 and were looking forward to our 2022 site visit with excited anticipation.

Dr. Palmer's influence and impact in rural community healthcare is immeasurable, and her commitment and dedication unmatched. She leaves an exemplary legacy of servant leadership and passion in community health care. Mr. John A. Fairman, Chief Executive Officer notes, "Dr. Palmer was the hardest working, most committed and loyal person and professional one could ever wish for". Delta Health Center extends its deepest condolences to her family. She will be sorely missed.

Details of the accident are still under investigation. Final arrangements are pending and will be announced by the family.

Delta Health Center, the first rural community health center in the nation, currently serves six counties in the Mississippi Delta with 18 community and school-based health clinic locations. As a Federally Qualified Health Center funded under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, Delta Health Center provides primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

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