NEVADA’S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER JOINS UNLV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

LAS VEGAS – March 10, 2016 – Dr. Tracey Green, chief medical officer for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, has joined the UNLV School of Medicine as vice dean for clinical affairs. She will oversee the school’s multi-disciplinary faculty practice, which includes developing and operating three planned community clinics that will serve Medicaid, uninsured, and underserved patients.

“Dr. Green possesses the unique combination of talent and experience we need to push the UNLV School of Medicine toward our vision of becoming a world-class academic medical center,” said Dr. Barbara Atkinson, founding dean of UNLV School of Medicine.

In addition to supervising physicians and medical staff within the faculty practice and clinics, Dr. Green will also initiate new models of care – such as Telehealth – and identify state and federal programs that increase access to care for Southern Nevadans in need. Her knowledge of the state and federal payer network and grant system will also ensure the school’s faculty practice and community clinics are sustainable and viable.

“I am honored to join the dynamic and ambitious UNLV School of Medicine team,” said Green. “I see tremendous opportunity to provide access to quality integrated health care in Southern Nevada, educate and retain new Nevada physicians, and create a system of care that will be locally and nationally recognized as the community to live to be healthy.”

For the past seven years, Dr. Green has led a statewide transformation of mental health services; she implemented the required policies and directives of the Affordable Care Act, such as expanding the state’s Medicaid program; and she developed innovative patient-centered, community coordinated systems of care across Nevada. Her experience in behavioral health will propel the school as it creates a mental health and addictions center for patient care and research.

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