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Debra Weeks will represent the outstanding work done by Mecklenburg County's non-profit community to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and build North Carolina back better

CHARLOTTE – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** announced that **Debra Weeks, Chief Executive Officer of the C.W. Williams Community Health Center**, will be her guest for President Biden's address to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday, April 28. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, guests will attend virtually this year.

“Debra Weeks has a servant's heart, and the work she does every day exemplifies the leadership our community has shown during the COVID-19 pandemic,” **said Congresswoman Adams**. “The non-profit C. W. Williams Community Health Center has continued to provide essential care throughout the coronavirus crisis thanks to Debra's leadership and a dedicated staff working on the front lines. That work has been supported by our federal COVID-19 efforts, including the **American Rescue Plan Act** that I supported and that President Biden signed into law. I am honored to have Debra join us on Wednesday for the President's address, and I could not be prouder of her and all of the community leaders who are working every day to build Charlotte and Mecklenburg County back better.”

“I want to sincerely thank Congresswoman Adams for including

me and C.W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. as participants in the Presidential Address to the Nation,” **said Debra Weeks.** “As CEO of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), that has served Mecklenburg & surrounding Counties in North Carolina for over 40 years, it is my privilege to have the opportunity to also thank President Biden and his Administration for their unwavering support and commitment to all vulnerable populations. CWWCHC is determined to create an environment of healing and wellness as our society acclimates into whatever the new normal holds for us. Americans are resilient and CWWCHC envisions a community in which all residents have access to high quality health care and services provided in an atmosphere of comfort, safety, dignity and respect!”

“The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for COVID related activities and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Health Center Construction and Capital Improvements are much needed investments into the FQHCs, particularly CWWCHC and those we serve in our the community. As champions for the community, CWWCHC engenders collaborative support to reach deep into our community to address relevant issues that the devastating COVID blithe has beset upon the very fabric of our humanity. Our community members rely on the FQHC to provide medical, dental, pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, case management and HIV services to adults and children regardless of their ability to pay. Along with the much needed PPE, COVID testing and Vaccinations, your largesse will be invested to provide community education and engagement to open discussions about the vaccine in Black & Brown communities, enhance & improve services to underserved populations. Moreover, this grant will assist C. W. Williams Community Health Center to support families through employment, training, as well as provide food pantry and nominal assistance to families in financial crisis.”

“On behalf of our Board, staff, and the nearly 15,000 patients we serve annually, I wish to express our sincere gratitude,” **concluded Weeks.**

Recently, the Biden Administration announced they would invest over \$6 billion from the ***American Rescue Plan Act*** in Community Health Centers to expand access to vaccines in underserved communities. Locally, the C. W. Williams Community Health Center was one of two community health centers that received significant grants to help in this effort. CWWCHC received \$4.3 million, and these dollars will fund:

- Expanded COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment for vulnerable populations
- Deliver preventive and primary health care services to people at higher risk for COVID-19
- Expand health centers’ operational capacity during the

pandemic, including improving physical infrastructure and adding mobile units.

About Debra Weeks

Debra Weeks currently serves as the CEO the C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina. She of has more than 30 years of executive leadership and senior management positions in healthcare and social services agencies. She also founded, designed, and managed programs throughout New York City, Florida and North Carolina, including Federally Qualified Community Health Centers. She earned her two Masters degrees in Business Administration and Social Work from the City University of New York at Hunter College, and her Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She lives in Charlotte with her 96-year-old mother, who just received her second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

About The C. W. Williams Community Health Center

The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. (CWWCHC) is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC) and 501(c)(3), non-profit organization established by the late Dr. C. W. Williams and friends in 1981 to ensure that under-served patients receive high quality healthcare. CWWCHC provides primary medical care, dentistry, mental health & substance use disorder treatment and counseling, comprehensive HIV/AIDS/STI testing and specialty care, PrEP, women's health services, and pharmacy services for people of all ages. Each year, CWWCHC handles approximately 30,000 patient visits.

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph. D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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