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La Maestra to Deliver Human Trafficking Presentation at National Family Planning Conference

SAN DIEGO, CA — Today at the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) conference at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina Bay Tower, Carmen Kcomt, Director of Legal Advocacy at La Maestra Community Health Centers will present a session titled *Challenging Times in the Delivery of Safety-Net Services* from 11 a.m. to noon. The presentation will cover important topics in safety-net family planning, including human sex trafficking. The conference is only open to NFPRHA members and the press, but non-members are eligible to attend the Medicaid peer-to-peer meeting at the conclusion of the conference this afternoon.

During NFPRHA's *Challenging Times in the Delivery of Safety-Net Services* session, Kcomt will deliver a presentation on recognition of human trafficking as an emerging healthcare priority. The presentation will provide an overview of the various types of trafficking and forms of exploitation as well as red flags that providers should look out for to recognize human trafficking victims. Kcomt's presentation will end with recommendations for providers and a Q&A session. NFPRHA aim in delivering this session is to inform participants of this critical issue, connect them to available resources, and provide them with screening and referral strategies that can be used in an outpatient setting to improve care delivery to highly vulnerable populations.

Kcomt is available for media interviews and follow-up comments following her session. Please contact Corinne Knutson to schedule an interview.

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About La Maestra Community Health Centers: La Maestra Community Health Centers is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). For more than 27 years, the organization has served immigrant, refugee, uninsured, and underinsured populations living in the underserved communities of central, east, and south San Diego County, California. Today, La Maestra operates five medical clinics, ten dental suites, four school-based sites, a mobile medical and dental unit, and a mobile mammography coach. Since its founding, La Maestra has been committed to its mission to provide quality health care and education; to improve the overall wellbeing of the family; bringing the underserved, ethnically diverse communities into the mainstream of our society through a caring, effective, culturally and linguistically competent manner, respecting the dignity of all patients.

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