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DR. JENNIFER SALERNO, FOUNDER OF POSSIBILITIES FOR CHANGE, INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME (PCMH) THINK TANK

National Thought Leaders to Address the Role of Adolescent Health and Preventive care in PCMH

ANN ARBOR, MICH. – May 22, 2013 – A small group of interdisciplinary experts and thought leaders from across the country convened at Brown University in Rhode Island from May 19th-21st, 2013. This third, in a series of five annual, PCMH Think Tanks hosted by the Department of Family Medicine at Brown University focused on adolescent health and the questions: What is the ideal medical home for adolescents? And, what is the necessary infrastructure to support that ideal? The role of adolescent health and preventive care is one that has received little attention in the national PCMH discussion so far.

Dr. Salerno was invited to participate in the PCMH Think Tank based on her expertise working over 18 years with adolescents as a Nurse Practitioner in primary care settings and school-based health centers. It was this experience working with teens that led her to develop the Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services (RAAPS) and found Possibilities for Change (the parent company of RAAPS).

Dr. Salerno is passionately dedicated to the identification and prevention of the (avoidable) risky health behaviors which are responsible for more than 75% of the morbidity and mortality in U.S. teens. She is honored by the invitation to participate in this discussion, and the opportunity to continue her advocacy for the transformation of adolescent health care and best practices within our current health system.

About RAAPS

The Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services is a validated, 21-question health risk assessment tool, which can be completed by adolescents in 5-7 minutes using any device with internet access, including mobile devices. After completing the survey, teens receive specific health resources pertinent to their risk behavior, and clinicians can utilize RAAPS evidence-based messages to provide counseling on identified risks. With this secure online system,

clinicians can electronically document the counseling they provide and receive individual and aggregated reports on their patient population by age, risk factor, demographics, and over time. In addition, results can be compared to a "benchmark" population of adolescents who have completed the online survey. For more information about RAAPS, contact Jennifer Salerno, DNP, CPNP, FAANP at jsalerno@raaps.org or visit www.raaps.org.