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The Foundation for California Community Colleges Announces New Additions to Management Team

SACRAMENTO - The Foundation for California Community Colleges is excited to announce the addition of two members to the management team. Lynda Gregory, former vice president for human resources and volunteer services at Mercy General Hospital, started Nov. 5 as vice president for operations and chief operating officer. Denise Howell, current director of contracts for Catholic Charities CYO in San Francisco, will begin as vice president for finance on Dec. 3.

“I am happy to welcome Denise and Lynda,” says Dr. Paul Lanning, Foundation president and chief executive officer. “They bring a wealth of valuable experience to their roles with the Foundation, and I look forward to working with them at this exciting time in our organization.”

At Mercy General Hospital, Gregory managed labor relations, employee relations, and succession planning for 28 sites and over 6,000 employees. She is a community college alumna who earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of California, Davis and her J.D. degree at Lincoln Law School. Prior to joining Mercy/Catholic Hospitals West in 2003, Gregory held senior human resources and operational roles at both Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and the United States Postal Service. Gregory is a member of the California and American Bar associations, and the Labor Law and Employment Section of the California State Bar. She is also an accredited Career Development Counselor and Arbitration Advocate and a member of Industrial Relations Association of Northern California.

Howell is currently with Catholic Charities CYO, one of the Bay Area's largest social service not-for-profit agencies, serving 40,000 people with an annual operating budget of \$42 million. She graduated cum laude from the University of Idaho with a joint B.S. in accounting and economics. She possesses 10 years of non-profit accounting experience and over 20 years of total experience. She started her career with Deloitte & Touche, and also spent time with Sutro & Company (now part of RBC Dain Rausche) and Wells Fargo Bank. In 1997, she joined the Pacific Vascular Research Foundation as manager of finance and administration. In her current role, she is responsible for preparing, overseeing, and reviewing all financial statements, running the annual audit, overseeing grant accounting, and implementing the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for Non-profits and the California Non-profit Integrity Act.

In her new position, Gregory will oversee internal operations and several program areas. Howell will assume management of the Foundation's financial activities, including grant management, financial reporting, and contracts. The Foundation is pleased to welcome both members to the management team. Their experience in their respective fields will be valuable as the Foundation continues to expand its operations to provide greater support of the California Community Colleges system and its students.

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official auxiliary to the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Chancellor, and System Office. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community Colleges system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works with Community Colleges and partner organizations to manage donations, grants, programs, and services that drive excellence in education while saving millions of dollars for colleges each year. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation and receives no direct state or public support. For more information, visit www.foundationccc.org.

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