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Mindy Lipson Aisen, MD, Appointed Chief Medical Officer

DOWNEY, Calif., July 24, 2009 - Mindy Lipson Aisen, MD, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho), which is part of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS).

Dr. Aisen brings an impressive and extensive career in clinical rehabilitation, neurological rehabilitation research, and rehabilitation research administration to the post, where she will lead a team of clinicians known internationally for pioneering work in rehabilitation medicine for more than 50 years.

“Throughout her career, Dr. Aisen has distinguished herself as a talented physician and passionate advocate for people with disabilities,” said Rancho Chief Executive Officer, Jorge Orozco. “As Chief Medical Officer, she will work across Rancho’s highly specialized clinical practices to drive new research and the clinical innovation that has always been the hallmark of the hospital.”

“Dr. Aisen’s appointment enhances the stature of the department and underscores our ability to attract top clinicians and researchers who share our mission of caring for the County’s vulnerable populations,” added DHS Interim Chief Medical Officer, Robert G. Splawn, MD.

Dr. Aisen most recently served as Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Cerebral Palsy International Research Foundation (CPIRF), where she led efforts to increase visibility for Cerebral Palsy and concurrently served on the faculty as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Neurology at Georgetown University’s School of Medicine.

CPIRF Board Chairman, The Honorable Paul A. Volcker commented: “Dr. Aisen brought both energy and commitment to the mission of CPIRF, in addition to her medical

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expertise. While we will miss her as CEO, we wish her well in her future endeavors, and know that she will bring the same level of dedication to her new position.”

CPIRF Board President, James C. Stearns, Esq. added: "Dr. Aisen was especially successful in international efforts and in integrating the use of adaptive devices, including robotics, into the Foundation's research mission.”

Previously, Dr. Aisen served as National Director of Rehabilitation Research and Director of Technology Transfer Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters in Washington, DC and held clinical and academic positions at Cornell University Medical College, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital and New York Hospital.

She has served on the Boards of the American Society of Neurorehabilitation, the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, the American Academy of Neurology, the National Institute of Child Health, and the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America. She has also presented at over 37 professional meetings and conferences, provided peer review of journal publications, and authored or co-authored 45 books, chapters and editorials.

Dr. Aisen is certified in Neurology and Neurorehabilitation with the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry and the American Society of Neurorehabilitation, and holds active medical licenses with the states of New York and California.

About DHS

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services is the second largest municipal health system in the nation, serving the county’s low income, indigent and uninsured populations through three teaching hospitals and a national rehabilitation hospital, Rancho, and multiple health centers and clinics. DHS is a leader in chronic disease management and innovative programs for children in foster care, homeless, and other vulnerable populations.

About Rancho

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has over 50 years of experience providing quality care for people with disabilities. Rancho’s mission is to provide each patient with superior medical and rehabilitation services in a culturally sensitive environment. Rancho is one of the largest comprehensive centers and is world renowned in the field of medical rehabilitation. Rancho continues to be consistently ranked as one of America’s Top 20 Best Rehabilitation Hospitals 2009 by U.S. News and World Report. For more information, please visit www.rancho.org.