



## HARC ANNOUNCES NEW CEO



**(PALM DESERT, CA) – April 2, 2015...**HARC, Inc. has announced the selection of Jenna LeComte-Hinely, PhD as its new Chief Executive Officer. She filled the vacancy created by Eileen Packer’s retirement last month. “The selection was made after an extensive interview process,” said Board President Dr. Glen Grayman.

“Jenna will bring leadership and creativity to HARC and a deep sense of commitment to the work we do. The Board is confident that her expertise and passion for research will help strengthen and expand this organization to reach new heights,” reported Dr. Grayman.

Dr. LeComte-Hinely has been the Director of Research and Evaluation at HARC since 2012. In this role, she has successfully produced HARC’s most recent triennial health survey. The results of this survey, known as the Community Health Monitor, are provided to the community free of charge. To date, the data from this survey has helped dozens of local organizations to raise over \$7.1 million for much-needed programs and services to improve health and wellness in the Coachella Valley.

She has also been in charge of all of HARC’s customized research and evaluation services. As such, she has conducted many program evaluations and needs assessments, which provide objective, relevant data to numerous local organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley, Get Tested Coachella Valley, the LGBT Community Center of the Desert, and many more.

In the past three years, Dr. LeComte-Hinely has become deeply involved in the Valley’s wellness activities. She is a member of the Healthcare Industry Council (led by Coachella Valley Economic Partnership), the Riverside County Health Coalition, and the Coachella Valley Disability Collaborative. Recently, Jenna served as an adjunct faculty member at California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus, where she taught Statistics for the Health Sciences.

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“I am honored that the Board has selected me to lead HARC,” said Dr. LeComte-Hinely. “I hope to build on the foundation that Eileen Packer was able to create, and take HARC to the next level. I want to raise public awareness of the services HARC provides, and HARC’s key role in protecting and promoting the quality of life in our Coachella Valley community. I hope to become the Valley’s go-to person for anything regarding research, evaluation, or data in general.”

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**About HARC**

HARC, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing research and evaluation services related to health and wellness. HARC is funded in part by grants, donations, and customized research and evaluation services. More information can be obtained by calling HARC at (760) 404-1945, or visiting the organization's website at [www.HARCdata.org](http://www.HARCdata.org).