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**Health Assessment Resource Center (HARC)
Appoints Director of Research and Evaluation**

Jenna LeComte-Hinely To Expand Research Capabilities

Palm Desert, CA (August 6, 2012) — The Health Assessment Resource Center (HARC) has named Jenna LeComte-Hinely to the post of Director of Research and Evaluation. This newly-created position will provide additional professional expertise that will enable the Palm Desert-based health research institute to enhance its valuable role in the Coachella Valley as the reputable research partner for objective health-related survey data.

In naming Ms. LeComte-Hinely to the post, HARC hired a researcher with more than seven years of research experience in a variety of areas including occupational health and wellness, gender discrimination, green business, and education, among others. She completed her bachelor's degree in Business Administration at the University of Redlands, and went on to obtain her master's in Applied Psychology at Portland State University, where she is currently completing her doctorate in the same field. Her dissertation, which will be completed in December of 2012, examines the impact of work and home life on both physical and mental health.

Prior to joining HARC, Ms. LeComte-Hinely held research positions in several institutions including the Center for Work-Family Stress, Safety, & Health (part of the Work, Family, and Health Network), the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, and the University of Redlands.

“The depth and breadth of experience Jenna brings to the organization will be a great asset to our HARC team,” stated Eileen Packer, HARC CEO. “With this addition to our staff, HARC will deliver even more comprehensive health survey services best suited to our constituent needs.”

Her duties at HARC will include co-oversight of the triennial health needs assessment, and research planning and development for HARC’s ongoing compilation of health research data in the Coachella Valley while expanding the organizations valued sphere of influence.

About HARC

Formed in 2006 by a consortium of more than 35 public and private healthcare agencies, the Health Assessment Resource Center (HARC) conducts a confidential community health status assessment in eastern Riverside County every 3 years to identify major health and quality of life issues. The nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization is funded in part by contributions from community partners, as well as entities that contract with the agency for customized public health research. More information can be obtained by calling HARC at (760) 404-1945, or visiting the organization’s website at www.harcddata.org.