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## **IHI NAMES TRISSA TORRES SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CONTINUUM PORTFOLIO**

### **Former Medical Director at Genesys HealthWorks is a leader in transforming care delivery to better impact the health of the community**

**Cambridge, MA – November 29, 2012** – The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) today announced that Dr. Trissa Torres will join the organization as Senior Vice President, Continuum Portfolio, effective January 2, 2013.

IHI's Continuum Portfolio encompasses work in several strategic areas – including the transformation of primary care, the pursuit of the IHI Triple Aim, the creation of systems to ensure reliable care transitions, the optimization of health information technology to achieve all of these goals, and more. Dr. Torres has been actively involved with IHI's Triple Aim since its initial prototyping phase, serving initially as champion for her participating organization and more recently as Triple Aim faculty.

As Senior Vice President, Dr. Torres will ensure the Portfolio's work aligns with IHI's vision and aims to improve health and health care across the continuum. She will also be responsible for overseeing measurable programmatic results across portfolio projects, developing relationships and new business with potential partners, and cultivating faculty and subject-matter experts in portfolio content areas.

For the past 18 years, Dr. Torres has served as Medical Director of Genesys HealthWorks, leading Population Health Management initiatives at Genesys Health System, a regional integrated health system serving Flint, Genesee County and surrounding counties in Michigan. In this role, she guided efforts to transform care delivery to be more population-based and focused on improving the health of the community. This work led to the Genesys Physician Hospital Organization being selected as a CMS Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO), and getting underway in January 2012.

During her tenure at Genesys HealthWorks, Dr. Torres designed, implemented, evaluated, and evolved a novel care model anchored by "Health Navigators." These individuals serve as extensions of primary care practice teams to engage patients in healthy behaviors and their own self-management, leveraging community resources to overcome barriers to better health.

IHI President and CEO Maureen Bisognano looks forward to further learning and building upon these sorts of new models with Dr. Torres.

"I'm so thrilled that Trissa is joining our team at IHI. We've had the incredible good fortune of working closely with Trissa for many years, and her leadership will be essential to the improvements and innovations we seek to make in the continuum of care. Trissa's experience, wisdom, and unique

insights will be crucial assets for IHI as we pursue our mission to improve health and health care worldwide.”

Dr. Torres is Board Certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, and a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. She completed her Preventive Medicine Residency and Masters of Science in Public Health at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

**About The Institute for Healthcare Improvement**

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