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**Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council
Partners with Practice Greenhealth
*Organizations to Assist Hospitals With Environmental Sustainability***

(Chicago, IL) The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) has established a partnership with Practice Greenhealth (PGH), a non-profit, membership-based organization, dedicated to the reduction of the healthcare industry's environmental impact through education, training and advocacy. The new partnership was created to mutually support environmentally sustainable health care operations and green building practices via education and training to be provided to MCHC's membership.

By providing training, resources and tools and educating and mentoring hospitals on the best health care environmental practices necessary to reduce their impact on climate change and the environment, it is the intention of this partnership to advance a model for environmental leadership in the health care industry in Illinois.

"This partnership will facilitate the efforts of both organizations to help Illinois hospitals become environmentally sustainable," stated Bob Jarboe, executive director of Practice Greenhealth. "We hope that participating hospitals can then pass along their experiences to other hospitals and health systems across the country."

Together MCHC and PGH will host workshops and educational events supporting sustainable health care operations and building guidelines for MCHC members. Richard Palmer, MCHC director of facilities and sustainability, commented, "This partnership is a perfect extension of MCHC's sustainability efforts. PGH's national presence and resources will provide our membership with the latest industry intelligence and best practices."

For more information on this partnership, please contact Mary Larsen, director, Chicago Green Healthcare Initiative, at 866-698-3336 or mlarsen@practicegreenhealth.org or Richard Palmer, director, Facilities and Sustainability at 312-906-6045 or at rpalmer@mchc.com.

Practice Greenhealth (PGH) is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Members include hospitals, healthcare systems, businesses and other

stakeholders engaged in the greening of healthcare to improve the health of patients, staff and the environment. For more information about Practice Greenhealth, please visit their website at www.practicegreenhealth.org. Visit the Practice Greenhealth educational webinar calendar: www.practicegreenhealth.org/tools/webinars

The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) is a membership and service association comprising more than 140 hospitals and health care organizations working together, since 1935, to improve the delivery of health care services in the Chicago area. More information is available on the MCHC Web site at www.mchc.org.

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