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### **Marian Ryan Named Director, Research & Development At Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA)**

**La Habra, Calif. – June 23, 2010** – The Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA) announces the hire of Marian Ryan, PhD, MPH, CHES, as IHA’s Director of Research and Development.

Dr. Ryan successfully defended her doctoral dissertation December 2009 at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Her research examined the impact of the patient-physician relationship on quality outcomes, and her findings support the current national emphasis on the importance of a primary care medical home. Prior to her doctoral program, Dr. Ryan served as the Corporate Director for Disease Management and Health Education for Molina Healthcare, Inc., Long Beach, CA where she developed, monitored and evaluated national disease management programs for six states. Dr. Ryan directed health education and patient education programs for a large integrated medical group and the County of Orange Health Care Agency. Additionally, Dr. Ryan worked clinically for eight years as a pediatric/neonatal respiratory therapist in a tertiary hospital in southern California. Dr. Ryan began her term with IHA in May.

“We are pleased to add Dr. Ryan to our core management team,” said Gloria Mayer, RN, EdD, FAAN, President/CEO of IHA. “With her strong background and experience, she will help us exceed our goals.”

IHA is a La Habra-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to empowering people to better health. It is nationally recognized for its efforts in health literacy and provides healthcare information through its various publishing efforts, its renowned local and national education programs, and administrative services. IHA offers social services through the La Habra Family Resource Center, and provides administrative management services for Friends of Family Health Center. For more information, call: 1-800-434-4633 or visit: [www.iha4health.org](http://www.iha4health.org).

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