

**Glen R. Elliott, Ph.D., M.D. Named Chief Psychiatrist
for the Children's Health Council**

Palo Alto, CA (July 31, 2006) -- The Children's Health Council (CHC), a Palo Alto, CA-based diagnostic and treatment center for children and adolescents facing developmental, behavioral, emotional and learning challenges, has named Glen R. Elliott, Ph.D., M.D., Chief Psychiatrist.

As Chief Psychiatrist, Dr. Elliott will be responsible for the Psychiatry Department, the psychiatry fellow training program, and program design and development in his areas of expertise.

"We are pleased to have someone of Dr. Elliott's experience heading up the Psychiatric Department at the Children's Health Council," says CHC Chief Executive Officer Stephen Joffe. "We believe his expertise and experience will play a vital role in providing our children and families with the outstanding care that is the hallmark of our organization. Dr. Elliott is renowned for his work with children with ADHD and with Autism, and for his expertise with psychopharmacology with children."

In January 1989, Dr. Elliott joined the faculty at UCSF in the Department of Psychiatry as Director of what now is called The Children's Center at Langley Porter and is an Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at UCSF.

After obtaining his Ph.D. and M.D. through the Stanford Medical Scientist Training Program, Dr. Elliott spent several years working on research policy first at the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., and then at the Division of Health Policy Research and Education at Harvard. Upon completing training in general psychiatry at McLean Hospital/Harvard and in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Stanford, Dr. Elliott joined the Stanford faculty in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in 1986.

Dr. Elliott has a longstanding interest in improving the diagnosis and treatment of severe psychiatric disorders in children and adolescents. He has been involved at a national level in helping to call the nation's attention to the need for more research on these disorders, serving as Vice-Chair for an Institute of Medicine study that resulted in a child mental health research initiative at National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

As a clinician and as a researcher, Dr. Elliott strives to clarify the appropriate use of psychoactive medications in relieving the distress of children and adolescents with severe mental illnesses while minimizing risks to their immediate welfare and long-term development.

Specific disorders of interest include Autism and related conditions, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), depression and anxiety, and bipolar disorder. He has a particular interest with these patients of clarifying the role of medications in reducing common symptoms such as obsessive behaviors, anxiety, depression, inattention, and self-injurious or aggressive behaviors.

His book ***Medicating Young Minds: How To Know if Psychiatric Drugs Will Help or Hurt Your Child***, released in June 2006, is a guide for parents to both medication and other treatment options for severe psychiatric disorders of childhood.

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Founded in 1953 by Dr. Esther B. Clark, one of Palo Alto's first pediatricians, the Children's Health Council strives to make a measurable difference in the lives of children and their families who face behavioral, developmental, emotional and learning challenges. To learn more about the Children's Health Council visit our website at www.chconline.org.