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Pacific Hospital PDA Honored for Service to the Uninsured

SEATTLE, April 24, 2007 - The Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority (PHPDA) received a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, Greg Nickels and from the Seattle City Council at an April 24 event for Cover the Uninsured Week from April 23 to 29, 2007.

The Proclamation recognizes the PHPDA and other safety net providers stating, "Seattle and King County have a strong regional system of health providers, including community health centers that provide high quality health services for uninsured, underinsured and low-income residents."

The number of uninsured is increasing each year and nearly 15% of Seattle adults do not have health insurance coverage. The City of Seattle "supports efforts at the state and national level to extend health care coverage to all Americans." Seattle voters passed an advisory ballot in 2005 in favor of universal health coverage and in March 2007 Governor Christine Gregoire signed a bill that will provide health insurance coverage for all children in Washington State starting in 2009.

The Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority partners with community organizations to improve access to health care services in the Seattle/King County area. In 1981 the City of Seattle chartered the Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority, placing in its trust the Pacific Hospital and its surrounding campus, a historic Seattle landmark. The PHPDA leases out the property and lease revenues are used to support charity health care programs in Seattle/King County.

Additional information about the Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority can be found on the web at www.phpda.org .
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