



2005 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Bridging Gaps in Health Care Access

Who we are:

The mission of the Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority is to champion effective health care for the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community. The PHPDA works to close gaps in health disparities for the full continuum of health care services.



In 1981, the City of Seattle chartered the PHPDA, 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 King County.

What we do:

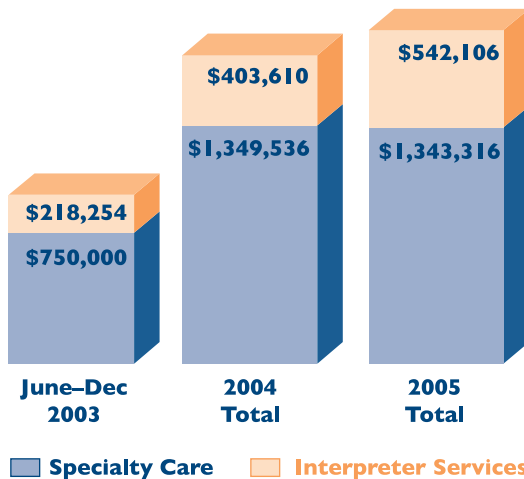
1. The PHPDA works in partnership with other organizations to improve health care access for our community.
2. We focus on improving access for people with no health insurance, particularly those who need specialty care.
3. We support culturally appropriate health care in partnership with other community organizations.
4. We are a steward of the public interest in the use of lease and grant revenues to improve health care access.

How we use our funds:

In 2005, the PHPDA provided more than \$1.3 million to support specialty care services for the uninsured through a contract with Pacific Medical Centers. An additional \$542,000 helped fund interpreter services at more than 8,800 medical appointments through the federal Medicaid Match program for Medicaid patients. (PHPDA contributions total 51.5 percent of this funding.)

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Use of Program Funds



Most importantly, in 2005 more than 2,600 people received health care they could not otherwise afford, through the efforts of the PHPDA and its partners. This represents a 10.6 percent increase in patients served since 2004, and a nearly 38 percent increase since 2003.

Our Programs:

Specialty Care Access

The PHPDA works to increase access to specialty care for the uninsured and underinsured by helping to fund specific programs in the community. Better access for all patients results in improved health, lowered costs and greater productivity in our communities.

Top Specialty Needs of the Uninsured

1. Eye Services
2. Gastroenterology
3. Orthopedics
4. Cardiology
5. General Surgery
6. Dermatology
7. Ear/Nose/Throat

The Patient Assistance Program at Pacific Medical Centers:

The Patient Assistance Program provides

health care to uninsured patients who are not eligible for Medicaid. To the public's benefit, the PHPDA's agreement with Pacific Medical Centers leverages PHPDA funds by encouraging Pacific Medical Centers to provide substantially more charity care than the PHPDA underwrites. This project received \$1.3 million in PHPDA funding in 2005.

King County Project Access:

Project Access is an initiative that encourages donations of specialty health care to the uninsured by local specialist physicians. The program model is founded on physicians volunteering their time to see patients for free, and on other community partners, such as hospitals, donating the additional medical services needed. Physicians volunteer to care for a proportional "share" of the uninsured population, typically 10 primary care patients or 20 specialty care patients per year. This project received \$50,000 from the PHPDA for the first time in 2006.

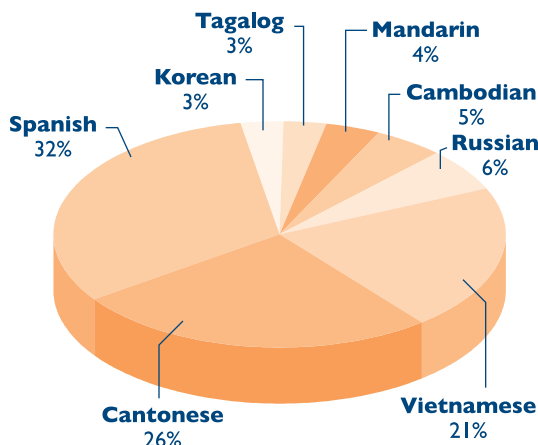
Culturally Appropriate Care

The PHPDA supports high quality, culturally appropriate health care in our community. Language competency or understanding can be a barrier to health care for some patients. These patients can have trouble understanding how the U.S. health care system "works," deciphering complicated health care paperwork, or even navigating their way to appointments. In addition, cultural differences may influence how a doctor can most effectively care for his or her patients.

Interpreter Services Program:

The PHPDA contracts with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to provide interpreter services for Medicaid clients with limited English proficiency or hearing impairment. PHPDA contributions are the primary source of funding for this program, and federal Medicaid Match monies make up the remainder. In 2005, the PHPDA funded interpretation services for patients at more than 8,800 appointments, and contributed 51.5 percent (\$279,184) of the total funding of more than \$542,000.

Languages Used by Interpreter Services Patients



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