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PENINSULA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT APPROVES \$4.6 MILLION GRANT TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE FOR LOW-INCOME, UNINSURED ADULTS
Grant Will Help More Than 1,000 Adults Waiting to Enroll in County Programs

BURLINGAME, CA, July 27, 2012: At its regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 26, 2012, the Peninsula Health Care District (PHCD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve a two-year, \$4.6 million grant to the San Mateo County Health System to support providing healthcare to low-income, uninsured adults living within the District.

Over the last three years the County has seen a 90 percent increase in the number of adults enrolled in the County Health System's ACE Program – Access to Care for Everyone. Over this same time period, the Health System has seen an \$18 million decrease in funding for these services, with 3,000 individuals currently on the waiting list. Nearly 25 percent of the ACE participants live within the PHCD's boundaries, which include San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, and parts of South San Francisco and Foster City. The District's funding will serve nearly 1,000 of those adult residents.

The grant will provide \$2.3 million in each fiscal year (FY 2013 and FY 2014), and will help bridge coverage and transition activities into 2014 when the 2010 Affordable Care Act takes effect. The District's Directors acknowledged the unprecedented, prolonged economic challenges that have faced all residents as well as health care providers. Many of the ACE program participants are residents who have lost jobs and/or healthcare coverage and are not eligible for Medi-Cal or other financial aid.

District Board Chair Dan Ulliyot, MD, stated "This is the right thing to do. Access to much-needed healthcare services is essential to the health of our community; and is embedded in this Board's vision statement—that all residents of the District enjoy optimal health through education, prevention, and access to needed health care services."

San Mateo County Supervisor Carol Groom, who was in attendance at the Board meeting, thanked the Board for its partnership and contribution to the uninsured. "This funding is vital. The budget challenges continue to grow, as does the number of residents without coverage," she said.

In keeping with the PHCD's grant protocols, target goals and metrics were developed to track the utilization and impact of the funds. County Health Chief Jean Fraser committed to the following goals and metrics: 1) A minimum of 979 participants will be enrolled in the ACE Program; 2) 90 percent or more of the ACE clients will be served by the Innovative Care Clinic and will be assigned to a primary care provider; 3) 20 percent or more of the clients on the

waiting list will be assigned to a primary care provider; 4) 85 percent of appointments at the Innovative Care Clinic will be utilized; 5) 90 percent or more of clients with diabetes will have their care managed without hospitalization.

The Board action brings the total amount of community health grants approved by the PHCD Board of Directors to be invested over the two years to \$8.95 million. A full breakdown of the PHCD's funding to date can be found at www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org.

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About the Peninsula Health Care District:

Created by state legislation and launched by local voter approval in 1947, the Peninsula Health Care District (PHCD) serves the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City by responding to local priorities and allocating resources to programs and services that address these needs. For more information, visit www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org.