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PHC AWARDS \$25 MILLION FOR HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS

FAIRFIELD – Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) has awarded \$25 million for housing-related projects across the Medi-Cal managed care plan’s 14-county service area. Through this grant program, with a total of 24 awards, PHC seeks to address the critical housing and housing-related needs that affect the health of its more than 560,000 members.

“Without a roof over your head and a safe place to sleep, it’s difficult to stay healthy,” says Liz Gibboney, CEO of PHC. “We decided to address this critical health-related issue right where it starts – by funding projects that address homelessness and the lack of housing for the most vulnerable populations in our communities.”

The following are snapshots of four of the beneficiaries of the PHC grants:

Hill Country Community Clinic in Shasta County

PHC awarded more than \$1.7 million in grant funds for the Center of Hope in Redding, a campus that will provide housing and care to people with complex needs. The funds awarded to Hill Country Community Clinic will be used to build 16 studio apartments for transitional age homeless youth and to help fund the construction of a wellness recovery center at the facility.

“Partnership HealthPlan’s funding for the Center of Hope will allow us to serve many more local residents who need intensive help to rebuild their lives, health and dignity,” says Lynn Dorroh, CEO of Hill Country Health and Wellness Center.. “We are very grateful for PHCs support of our work and expect that over time the impact will be felt by the entire community.”

PHC also granted nearly \$270,000 for Hill Country to support a Homeless Youth Coalition.

Department of Health & Human Services in Humboldt County

PHC awarded \$1.05 million in grant funds to the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services for construction of permanent supportive housing units for homeless residents

and accompanying services.

The Department of Health & Human Services plans to use the funds from PHC combined with other funding from a development partner to build at least 30 affordable apartment units for homeless or housing-insecure adults who are eligible for PHC.

“Some of these adults are newly homeless due to loss of income from death or admission to long-term care of their spouse,” says Sally Hewitt, Department of Health & Human Services Senior Program Manager. “Others are caught in the bind between fixed income and rising cost of rent. Still others find themselves homeless because their current housing has been sold, foreclosed or condemned.”

“We thank PHC for this tangible recognition of the linkage between affordable housing and good health,” Hewitt says.

Gasser Foundation in Napa County

PHC granted \$1 million to the Peter A. and Vernice Gasser Foundation in Napa for Heritage House, a development that will offer affordable housing to low-income residents and permanent supportive housing for homeless residents. The funds will be used to rehabilitate an existing structure at 3700 Valle Verde in Napa, on land currently owned by the Gasser Foundation. This development, once constructed, will offer 53 units of safe, stable homes for some of the county’s most vulnerable residents and a range of supportive services. All Heritage House residents will be PHC members.

“Housing is a critical issue to the economic vitality of our community, and the sustainability of our workforce,” says President and CEO Joseph Peatman of the foundation, which sought the grant in partnership with Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, Burbank Housing, and the city of Napa. “We are grateful to the Partnership HealthPlan of California for this grant of \$1 million to help us renovate Heritage House to provide much-needed housing.”

Homeward Bound in Marin County

PHC awarded more than \$1.5 million in grant funds for permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless adults at Mill Street Center in San Rafael. The funding granted to Homeward Bound of Marin will be used to build permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless adults. These units will be part of a complete renovation of the emergency shelter, which has been operated by Homeward Bound since 1986.

“Homeward Bound of Marin is thrilled and grateful to work with Partnership HealthPlan of California to provide new housing opportunities for chronically homeless individuals at our Mill

Street Center shelter,” said Executive Director Mary Kay Sweeney. “The 30 units of housing will be designated for the most vulnerable people in our community whose health and well-being have diminished by being outdoors for years, without adequate nutrition and health care.”

The following is a full list of organizations selected to receive PHC grants (by county) and grant amounts:

Del Norte

- Del Norte County Department of Health & Human Services, \$493,118

Humboldt

- Redwood Community Action Agency, \$1,266,486
- Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, \$1,050,000

Lake

- Adventist Health Clear Lake, \$1,330,904

Lassen

- Lassen County Health & Social Services, \$323,225

Marin

- Homeward Bound of Marin, \$1,567,065

Mendocino

- Health and Human Services of Mendocino County, \$1,006,196

Modoc

- Training, Employment & Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H, Inc.), \$133,239

Napa

- Peter A. and Vernice Gasser Foundation, \$1,000,000
- Napa County Health & Human Services, \$260,820

Shasta

- One Safe Place, \$142,000
- Hill Country Community Clinic, \$1,730,260 (capital project) and \$269,740 (facilitation project)
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, \$50,000 (facilitation) and \$435,376 (capital)

Siskiyou

- Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, \$219,949
- Rural Communities Housing Development, \$560,000

Solano

- CAP Solano Joint Powers Authority, \$4,913,964

Sonoma

- Sonoma County Community Development Commission, \$3,264,000 (capital project) and \$1,653,538 (facilitation project)

Trinity

- Trinity County Behavioral Health Department, \$195,390

Yolo

- City of Woodland, \$679,971
- City of West Sacramento, \$914,444
- Davis Community Meals and Housing, \$750,313

About Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC)

PHC is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. PHC provides quality health care to over 560,000 Medi-Cal members in 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo.