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*Pictured above, Renee Jensen, FACHE and CEO of Summit Pacific Medical Center*

### **Puget Sound Business Journal Lists Renee Jensen as One of the 40 Under 40 Honorees 40 Top Business Leaders Under 40 Years Old to be Honored**

**Seattle, WA** – Puget Sound Business Journal’s 16<sup>th</sup> annual 40 Under 40 awards program, which recognizes 40 outstanding members of the business community under the age of 40, announced the 2014 roster of honorees and Elma’s Summit Pacific Medical Center’s CEO, Renee Jensen, made the list. Puget Sound Business Journal issue of September 12-18, 2014, will profile each winner, including Jensen.

Honorees were selected based on their entrepreneurial spirit and their contribution to the Puget Sound region through their business and community involvement. Nominees were evaluated on specific criteria that included business tenure, business philosophy and their solutions to the business challenges that they’ve faced. In the end, those nominees who stood out as outstanding typically had an “above and beyond” approach toward their commitment to their business and the overall community. Jensen and the other honorees will be recognized at the Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 reception taking at ShowBox SODO in Seattle on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

“I think it is safe to say that without the ‘above and beyond’ leadership spirit that Renee brings to the table, Summit Pacific Medical Center would not exist in the capacity it does today,” Andrew Hooper, Hospital District Commissioner and Board Chair shared, “Renee is not only a visionary, but she is a leader who knows how to develop a strong, supportive and diverse team that is capable of achieving the forward thinking strategies Renee presents.”

In 2007, Renee Jensen started in the Chief Executive spot for Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 1, then doing business as Mark Reed Hospital District. Under her leadership, the District achieved a successful financial turnaround and was soon listed by Modern Healthcare as the 9<sup>th</sup> most profitable critical access hospital in the nation in 2009. Shortly after that Jensen and her team were able to secure the first USDA loan for hospital construction in Washington State for \$19.5 million, and soon after, in 2013, the brand new, state-of-the-art, Summit Pacific Medical Center opened.

The 40 Under 40 award program is produced by Puget Sound Business Journal and sponsored by Mass Mutual financial Group Seattle, WGU Washington and The Seattle Foundation and in partnership with The 40, PSBJ 40 under 40 alumni group. To learn more about the program or to see the complete list of 40 honorees, visit [www.40under40seattle.com](http://www.40under40seattle.com)

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