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Summit Pacific Receives 2018 Community Health Leadership Silver Award from the Washington State Hospital Association

(ELMA, WA) – Summit Pacific Medical Center has received a 2018 Community Health Leadership Silver Award for their Care Coordination with an Integrated Model initiative. The Washington State Hospital Association honored seven hospitals with awards recognizing their efforts to demonstrate community health leadership during the association’s Annual Member Meeting Oct. 11.

The Community Health Leadership Award is among the association’s highest honors awarded to healthcare organizations in Washington state.

“This year’s award winners showcase a diverse array of programs that serve their communities in unique ways, helping vulnerable populations, increasing access to care and working to improve overall well-being,” said Nancy Gorshe, chair of WSHA’s Hospital Governing Boards Committee. “We are very proud of these programs, which have improved the health of Washingtonians in communities across the state.”

Summit Pacific’s award focused on the robust care coordination program that has flourished during the last five years, serving patients as part of SPMC’s care transformation efforts. The care coordination program consists of health coaching, chronic disease management, transitional care management and advance care planning.

“We are honored to be recognized for our work in care coordination and look forward to continuing and growing this model of care,” said Dr. Tammy Moore, Chief Clinical Officer. “Sometimes, all patients need is to know that they have support and how to access it. We have been able to dramatically reduce hospital readmissions and ED utilization by giving patients the tools to stay on top of their healthcare. Utilizing our care coordinators in an integrated model, means that more patients will be able to access these services and add these highly trained individuals to their care team,” continued Moore.

The 2018 Community Health Leadership Gold Award winner is CHI Franciscan Health for its violence prevention initiative. Other Silver Award winners include Jefferson Healthcare for their work in population health and UW Medicine for their tele-antimicrobial stewardship program. Please visit the [Washington State Hospital Association website](#) for more information and for a list of other awardees.

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Summit Pacific Medical Center's vision is "Through Summit Care, we will build the healthiest community in the Nation." We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. We are a Level IV Critical Access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and a virtual care clinic. To learn more about Summit Pacific, visit www.sp-mc.org.