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## **Office of National Drug Control Policy's Senior Adviser for Rural Affairs to Visit Summit Pacific March 25**

(ELMA, WA) – Summit Pacific is pleased and honored to welcome Anne Hazlett, Senior Adviser for Rural Affairs of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), for a campus visit and facility tour of both Summit Pacific Medical Center and Summit Pacific Wellness Center Monday, March 25.

Summit Pacific officials are looking forward to meeting Hazlett and the opportunity to strengthen partnerships surrounding rural development and the unique challenges facing rural communities regarding the opioid epidemic.

In her role at ONDCP, Hazlett is working to shape policy aimed at improving the quality of life in rural America, coordinate interagency efforts on drug control activity impacting rural communities, and build coalitions and grassroots strategies in these areas centered on prevention, treatment and recovery.

Hazlett previously served as the Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) since June 2017. Hazlett led USDA's efforts to build infrastructure for prevention, treatment and recovery, facilitate partnerships, and drive innovation in rural communities.

Summit Pacific received financing from the USDA for the construction of Summit Pacific Medical Center and partial financing for Summit Pacific Wellness Center.

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Summit Pacific'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. Summit Pacific operates a Level IV Critical Access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services, rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and offers physical and occupational therapy, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging, a swing bed program and more. To learn more about Summit Pacific, visit [www.sp-mc.org](http://www.sp-mc.org).