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Summit Pacific Awarded Two Grants to Combat the Opioid Crisis

(ELMA, WA) – Summit Pacific was recently awarded two grants totaling \$1,724,860 in funding by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded nearly \$400 million in grants to combat the nation’s opioid crisis. The investments will enable HRSA-funded community health centers, rural organizations and academic institutions to establish and expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services.

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Initiative Award

HRSA awarded \$80,000,000 to 80 grantees through the RCORP-Implementation (Rural Communities Opioid Response Program) to strengthen and expand substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services in rural areas.

Summit Pacific will receive up to \$1 million over a three-year period of performance to implement a set of evidence-based interventions and promising practices that align with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service’s Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis.

2019 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - MAT Expansion Awards

HRSA also awarded \$8,251,403 to 12 grantees to support the establishment and/or expansion of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in eligible rural hospitals, clinics and tribal organizations. Of this grant, Summit Pacific was awarded \$724,860 in funding.

Summit Pacific’s Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic has been operating since February 2019 and welcomes patients looking to move into recovery, utilizing medication assistance and other supports. This clinic is the first of its kind in the area to offer walk-in, day-of services. Opened thanks in part to grant dollars, the MAT Clinic is continually working to improve their model to best help meet their patients’ needs. The MAT Clinic does not require prior patient registration at Summit Pacific, nor local residence.

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About HRSA: HRSA, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high-quality primary health care, people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, and mothers. HRSA also supports the training of health professionals, the distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most and improvements in health care delivery.

About Summit Pacific: 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.