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ELICA HEALTH CENTERS PARTNERS WITH SHRA TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT STEVEN M. THOMPSON COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC AT ALDER GROVE

Sacramento, Calif. | Elica Health Centers and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency are pleased to announce a new partnership to provide health care services at the Steven M. Thompson Community Health Clinic at the Alder Grove housing community at 752B Revere Street in Sacramento. A community Open House is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Open House is part of a community-wide event where residents can enjoy a variety of family friendly festivities, receive health screenings, and obtain information about utilizing the clinic's services.

"We are extremely excited to join with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to improve the lives of those who live in the Marina Vista-Alder Grove communities by delivering quality health care services in a convenient on-site setting," said Elizabeth Cassin, CEO of Elica Health Centers. She added that Elica plans to play an even broader role by participating in the Jobs Opportunities program that is available to community residents.

Elica Health Centers at Alder Grove offers a flexible schedule to include Saturday appointments and is open to all, including seniors, adults, infants, children and teens. Services include primary care, behavioral health, and preventive care, along with health and wellness education activities. The clinic accepts Medi-Cal, Medicare and most other health insurance plans. A reduced fee plan is available to uninsured individuals or families.

One of eight Elica Health Center sites in the region, the clinic is located in the Sacramento Promise Zone and addresses the goal to provide access to quality health care. With the advent of the Affordable Care Act, and changes to health care in California, SHRA has worked with the City, County and health provider community to re-establish a clinic to serve the Marina Vista, Alder Grove and surrounding communities.

“We’re excited that this partnership has been able to bring a new on-site health and wellness clinic to Sacramento that will act as a lever to change the health outcomes of families in the Alder Grove and Marina Vista housing communities as well as those in the surrounding neighborhoods,” said SHRA Executive Director La Shelle Dozier.

The clinic was named in honor of longtime Land Park health care advocate Steven M. Thompson who passed away in 2004 at age 62. In 2015, Sacramento County Supervisor Serna allocated \$150,000 in discretionary Tobacco Litigation Settlement Funds to SHRA to partially fund tenant improvements on an existing building that previously housed a health clinic but closed more than 15 years ago leaving a gap in accessible health care for disadvantaged residents living in and around the area.

Elica Health Centers is a network of community-based, non-profit health centers, which are an essential part of the Sacramento area’s health safety net. Founded in 1979, Elica provides quality primary care, behavioral health, substance use treatment and dental services primarily to the region’s underserved populations, including those with fixed incomes, Medi-Cal recipients, and the uninsured.

Since being designated as a federally qualified health center in 2012, Elica has experienced unprecedented growth as reflected by a 600 percent increase in revenue and the addition of four new locations since the start of the new year, including Alder Grove’s Steven M. Thompson Community Health Clinic. Elica currently administers seven health center sites located in both Yolo and Sacramento counties, along with a state-of-the-art mobile health clinic, which together are on track to deliver care during over 70,000 patient visits this year.

Created under a Joint Powers Agency Agreement in 1982 by the Sacramento City Council and Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, SHRA brings together financial resources and staff expertise to revitalize lower income communities, create affordable housing opportunities, and serve public housing residents.

The SHRA administers the public housing program on behalf of the City of Sacramento’s Housing Authority and maintains 2,700 safe, decent, and affordable housing units. SHRA also administers rental assistance in private housing through 12,600 vouchers funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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