



**Foundation for the Advancement of
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**“OHP and the Safety Net” Health Conference
Oregon Healthcare Policymakers and Officials Gather To Discuss Solutions to the
Healthcare Dilemma**

(Portland—November 28, 2006) On December 6th the Foundation for the Advancement of Community Health Care (FACHC) is convening concerned policymakers and healthcare officials at the Oregon Convention Center (11:30-4:30) to hear recommendations and to learn about proposals that lay out a road map for health care reform success in the 2007 Oregon legislative session.

One year ago, almost 250 Oregon policymakers, health care professionals, managed care organizations, community health centers, and advocates met in Portland to strategize on ways to address the growing health care crisis and the dramatic increase in uninsured and underinsured Oregonians.

The November 2005 summit led to the creation of several working groups that have been meeting over the past several months. Now, the recommendations from the work groups have been completed, and a legislative session is fast approaching.

As the keynote speaker, Douglas Eby, MD, MPH, Vice President of Medical Services for Southcentral Foundation (SCF), an Alaska Native Healthcare Corporation, will give a detailed look into their remarkable approach to revolutionize healthcare through a primary care medical home model. The customer-owned, Alaska-Native-led SCF primary care redesign has gained national and international recognition.

Major sponsors of this event include CareOregon, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, Oregon Primary Care Association, and Northwest Health Foundation.

Online registration is available at www.oregoncommunityhealth.com. RSVP's are also being taken by email to register@oregoncommunityhealth.com, or by calling 503-228-8852 ext.41.

About FACHC

The Foundation for the Advancement of Community Health Care is a newly formed non- profit, 501(c)(4) organization formed to educate and advocate on behalf of community health centers and to improve access to health care for the vulnerable populations that they serve. The FACHC works closely with its partner organization, the Oregon Primary Care Association.

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