



OCEAN BEACH HOSPITAL
& Medical Clinics



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OCEAN BEACH HOSPITAL AND PEACEHEALTH AGREE TO EXTEND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

OCT. 29, 2014 - ILWACO, Wash. – After careful consideration, Ocean Beach Hospital and PeaceHealth have chosen to extend their existing management agreement through Dec. 31, 2015, rather than pursue a permanent affiliation.

The two organizations had been exploring relationship possibilities since Jan. 28, when the Board of Commissioners of Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics – also known as Public Hospital District #3 of Pacific County – voted to enter into formal affiliation discussions with PeaceHealth.

“Because of our need to address other priorities, PeaceHealth has discontinued discussion of a potential affiliation arrangement,” said Sy Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Mission Officer of the PeaceHealth Columbia Network. “Nevertheless, we are pleased to continue our support for Ocean Beach through 2015. We believe the management agreement relationship has contributed to improved results at Ocean Beach.”

Ocean Beach has been operating under a PeaceHealth management agreement since November 2012. Ocean Beach Chief Executive Officer Kendall Sawa is a PeaceHealth employee. Under Sawa’s leadership, Ocean Beach has dramatically improved its operating performance and financial strength.

“This improvement has been built through the good work of the Ocean Beach team under Kendall’s leadership,” said Darren Thorson, Ocean Beach Hospital Board Member. “By extending the agreement through the end of next year, Ocean Beach will be well-positioned to move forward independently or to consider other options. We’ll be prepared to continue the momentum we’re currently enjoying.”

Ocean Beach and PeaceHealth leaders will work swiftly to finalize the extension of the management agreement.

About Ocean Beach Hospital:

Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics is an integrated healthcare organization committed to providing high quality, patient-focused care, offering a wide range of medical

services from 24-hour emergency care and wellness programs to orthopedic surgery and cardiac rehabilitation. Founded in 1934, Ocean Beach has grown into one of the largest employers in South Pacific County. With 15 licensed beds, the hospital averages nearly 500 patients admissions per year, along with an additional 30,000 outpatient visits. Ocean Beach is governed by the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District #3 of Pacific County.

About PeaceHealth:

PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with about 800 providers, a laboratory system, and 10 medical centers. PeaceHealth was founded in 1890 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace to fill a need for healthcare services in the Pacific Northwest. The Sisters shared financial and personnel resources to open new hospitals. They shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for health care in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of collaboration and stewardship in fulfilling its mission. This is The Spirit of Healing.

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