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Cascade Pacific Action Alliance Selected as one of two Pilot Accountable Communities of Health in State

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Health Care Authority announced Friday that the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance, supported by CHOICE Regional Health Network and made up of diverse stakeholders from throughout a seven-county region, was awarded one of only two grants in Washington State to become a Pilot Accountable Community of Health (ACH).

Accountable Communities of Health are a key component of the Health Care Authority’s [State Health Care Innovation Plan](#), and focus on collective impact at the regional level by bringing together multiple communities and community sectors to meet the region’s most pressing health needs and challenges. The ultimate goal of the ACH is to achieve the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower health care costs for Washington State residents.

The award is a vote of confidence for the Alliance’s work over the past eight months and builds on many years of collaborative efforts throughout the seven-county region, which includes Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties.

“We are extremely pleased to be the recipient of one of these prestigious grants on behalf of our region. We have come a long way in a short period of time and we look forward to moving from planning to action to improve the health of our communities”, says CHOICE Executive Director, Winfried Danke.

In July, the Alliance received one of ten \$50,000 planning grants from the Washington State Health Care Authority to begin the development of a region-wide community health plan. This new pilot award provides \$150,000 to complete the community health plan and initiate a pilot project. The pilot project seeks to identify school-aged children with behavioral health challenges in school and clinical care settings and connect them with community-based intervention and treatment services. Additionally, working closely with the Health Care Authority, the Alliance will participate in a peer network, which lays the foundation for communities across the state to collaborate and share learnings with each other and the state.

About CHOICE Regional Health Network

CHOICE Regional Health Network is a nonprofit collaborative of member organizations dedicated to improving community health in Central Western Washington through collective planning and action of health care leaders. For more information, visit: <http://www.crhn.org>.

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