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NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Care Harbor – Los Angeles 2019

Despite unprecedented national and statewide efforts to expand health insurance coverage over the past decade, according to the 2018 Los Angeles County (County) Health Survey, there are still 649,000 County residents who remain uninsured. While the rate of those uninsured has declined from previous years, our residents continue to face many challenges in accessing health services. Approximately 1,652,000 County residents, 21.3% of the population, say that medical care is “somewhat” or “very difficult” to access.

For the last ten years, the County has supported the largest metropolitan free clinics, now operated by the non-profit Care Harbor – Los Angeles (Care Harbor) at venues including the Forum in Inglewood, the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena in Exposition Park, the Pyramid in Long Beach, the Fairplex in Pomona and The Reef in Downtown Los Angeles.

Each Care Harbor event builds upon the successes of the previous events, providing a range of health and wellness resources that are usually not available in one single location. Collectively, these twelve events (the first two events were conducted in partnership with Remote Area Medical) have treated over 33,000 patients to deliver comprehensive medical, dental and vision services - care valued at more than \$21 million.

Until all County residents have health insurance, Care Harbor fills significant healthcare service gaps, including medical, dental, vision and mental health services. Patients also have access to preventative and follow-up care, including opportunities to

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work with insurance navigators from the County's Department of Public Social Services who provide education, counseling and enrollment for various qualifying programs. Care Harbor continues to receive an unprecedented level of support from the local healthcare community including medical and dental schools, professional societies, hospitals, clinics, provider organizations, suppliers, and thousands of volunteers, in addition to contributions from the County Departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Health Services, and Public Social Services.

Care Harbor will host the next comprehensive free clinic at The Reef from November 15, 2019 through November 17, 2019. This year, Care Harbor will dedicate its first day of service to serving the County's difficult-to-reach, most vulnerable homeless population. Care Harbor will partner with several homeless services agencies, along with public and private sector partners, to provide tailored services to ensure the specific needs of this population can be met.

Care Harbor - LA events have an enduring impact on the health and wellbeing of thousands of individuals that are served and is an event that is worthy of the County's continued participation.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim November 9, 2019 through November 17, 2019 as "Care Harbor Week" in Los Angeles County (County) and encourage the residents of the County who are uninsured or underinsured and in need of medical, dental or vision care to attend the Care Harbor – Los Angeles Event (Event), offered at no cost to the participants;
- 2) Encourage County departments to participate in the Event to the extent that doing so is consistent with their mission and within their budgetary constraints, including allowing employees to work at the event on County time with the authorization of their immediate supervisor and administration; and
- 3) Allow County department representatives to utilize County vehicles to travel to and from the Event as needed for treatment or educational purposes.

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Attachment: Care Harbor Flyer

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Free Dental Care

Cleaning, fillings, extractions and other procedures

Free Vision Care

Eye exams, prescription eyeglasses

Free Medical Care

Primary and specialty care, women's health, immunizations & screenings

Hundreds of physicians, dentists, optometrists and other professionals will be on site to serve you.

Dates & Location

November 16-17, 2019

The Reef, 1933 South Broadway, Los Angeles

You must have a wristband to enter

Wristbands are free and will be given out at the following locations and dates:

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Ted Watkins Park Fieldhouse - 1335 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Los Angeles Trade Technical College – 2115 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

First come, first served till all wristbands are given out at each location
One wristband per person



For more information visit www.careharbor.org or email info@careharbor.org



Servicios Dentales Gratis

Limpieza dental, empastes, extracciones y otros tratamientos

Servicios de la Visión Gratis

Exámenes de los ojos, lentes de prescripción

Atención Médica Gratis

Atención primaria de salud y especializada, servicios de salud para la mujer, vacunas y exámenes de salud

Varios dentistas, optometristas, médicos y otros profesionales de salud estarán disponibles para asistirle en la clínica

Lugar, fecha y horario

Del 16 al 17 de noviembre, 2019

The Reef, 1933 South Broadway, Los Angeles

Necesita tener una pulsera para entrar

Las pulseras gratuitas se distribuirán en los siguientes lugares y horarios:

sábado, 9 de noviembre, 2019

Ted Watkins Park Fieldhouse - 1355 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles
9:00 AM a 3:00 PM

domingo, 10 de noviembre, 2019

Los Angeles Trade Technical College - 2115 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles
9:00 AM a 3:00 PM

Las pulseras se distribuirán por orden de llegada y hasta que las pulseras disponibles se hayan terminado. Solo una pulsera por persona.

