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OHSU + Legacy Health Expands Care

A Definitive Agreement Signed to Better Serve Patients

Building on longstanding collaborations in pediatrics, cancer and behavioral health, Oregon Health & Science University and Legacy Health have signed a binding, definitive agreement to unite as one health system under OHSU Health. The



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expanded public system will provide high-quality health care services to patients from across the Pacific Northwest and accelerate our impact as a nationally recognized leader in health, education and science.

OHSU and Legacy Health share a mission of public service and dedication to the region's most vulnerable populations. Together, the combined

Oregon-based system will be one of the largest providers of services to Medicaid members in the state. OHSU Health will focus on improving health outcomes, addressing health care inequities, and providing access to care for more people, including the medically underserved, through a coordinated network of health care access points in Oregon and South-west Washington.

"Our agreement with OHSU is an important milestone toward creating a stronger health system better capable of delivering for our patients, our people and our communities," said Legacy Health Board Chair Charles Wilhoite. "Following many months of thoughtful collaboration between our organizations, we believe this is the right next step to create significant opportunities

to improve the health of our region for many years to come."

The expanded OHSU Health system will create a health and science community better able to attract, retain and train world-class health and science professionals, energizing health care across Oregon and supporting our regional economy. OHSU Health is also dedicated to fostering a safe and respectful environment where employees and learners feel welcome and can do their best work.

"Right now, increased demand and capacity restraints are keeping pa-

tients around the region from accessing the services OHSU Health is uniquely capable of providing," said OHSU President Danny Jacobs, M.D., M.P.H., FACS. "As a single, integrated system, we can better ensure patients receive the right level of care at the right facility without having to travel outside the

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National Peace Officers Memorial Day



PPB memorial ceremony

PPB Honors Members Who Died in Line of Duty

The Portland Police Bureau Memorial Ceremony was held May 21, at the Portland Police Memorial, located in Waterfront Park, just south of the Hawthorne Bridge. The memorial service featured speakers, the retirement of the flag over the memorial by the Portland Police Honor Guard, music from the Portland Police Highland Guard, a 21-gun salute, and a water display from Portland Fire & Rescue. Chief Bob Day, who was joined at the ceremony by Mayor Ted Wheeler and other dignitaries, presented a flag to the mother of Officer Thomas Jeffries

who was killed in the line of duty on July 21, 1997.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. The Portland Police Memorial was built through the efforts of the Portland Police Historical Society and was dedicated during National Police Week in May 1993 by President George H.W. Bush. Since 1870, 29 Portland Police officers and two police canines have been killed in the line-of-duty in service to the City of Portland.