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**PENINSULA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR  
TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

*PHCD demonstrates its commitment to ethical and sound business practices*

**BURLINGAME, CA, February 4, 2016** -- The Peninsula Health Care District (PHCD) has been recognized for its efforts to promote transparency and good governance by two organizations, the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) and the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD). As a public entity, PHCD has well-defined legal obligations for conducting business in a manner that is open and transparent.

PHCD received a District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from SDLF. In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner. PHCD also fulfilled 15 website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit. In addition, PHCD demonstrated that it engages the public in its governance, through a regular district newsletter and community notifications announcing election filing deadlines.

PHCD also was awarded a certificate in good governance by ACHD. The ACHD Governance Committee developed a core set of standards referred to as Best Practices in Governance, which ensures that public health care districts are conducting business in a manner that is open and transparent for the benefit of the communities they serve. PHCD demonstrated compliance in many important areas, including: transparency, website content, executive compensation and benefits, state agency reporting, and financial reporting, thus receiving the designation of ACHD Certified Healthcare District.

“This recognition is a testament to Peninsula Health Care District’s commitment to open government,” said Cheryl Fama, Peninsula Health Care District Chief Executive Officer. “As a steward of taxpayer dollars, we have a significant responsibility to our communities. It is important that we engender community trust, and live up to our responsibilities of ensuring our policies and actions are well understood by those who fund our efforts. We take great pride in empowering our communities with information that facilitates engagement and oversight.”

SDLF is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California’s special districts through certifications, accreditation and other recognition programs. To learn more, visit [www.sdlf.org](http://www.sdlf.org).

ACHD serves the diverse needs of California Healthcare Districts through advocacy and education. To learn more, visit [www.achd.org](http://www.achd.org).

**About Peninsula Health Care District**

Founded in 1947, the Peninsula Health Care District serves the communities of San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo and Foster City by supporting the unique health and wellness priorities of our vibrant Peninsula communities, and safeguarding access to health care services, today and in the future. PHCD fulfills its commitment to the community through oversight of District assets and infrastructure, planning for future health care needs, and investing taxpayer dollars in local health-focused organizations and programs. To learn more about PHCD, visit [www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org](http://www.peninsulahealthcaredistrict.org).