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CALIFORNIA AWARDS MORE THAN \$2.7 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTO – Supporting Governor Schwarzenegger’s efforts to strengthen California’s healthcare delivery system by expanding its health professions workforce, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announced awards of more than \$2.7 million to 25 family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through OSHPD’s Song-Brown Program.

“The Song-Brown funding provided to these family practice residency programs is critical to improving health disparities and physician supply in California,” said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

The funds cover a fraction of what it costs to run residency programs, which has been estimated to be more than \$150,000 per resident. The awards are utilized by the residency programs to develop new curriculum, develop clinical training sites and other necessary expenses. It does not help cover resident tuition.

Continued investment in the Song-Brown Awards is one of the many ways California is addressing healthcare workforce development, a key component of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). See below for a list of award recipients.

Although Song-Brown is not directly connected to PPACA, they complement each other, operating on parallel tracks for the same goal of healthcare workforce development. PPACA, signed into law this year, focuses on improving access to and delivering healthcare services for all individuals, particularly those in underserved, uninsured, low income, and rural populations. Song-Brown, established in 1973, works to increase the number of family practice physicians, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses being trained to provide needed medical services to Californians.

Strengthening the healthcare workforce is also one of the priorities for the Governor’s Health Care Reform Implementation Task Force, which operates a workforce development work group chaired by Dr. Carlisle.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown Program has awarded more than \$21 million in capitation awards to family practice residency training programs. The awards are funded by the California Health Data Planning Fund, which was statutorily established to receive and expend revenues in support of healthcare

related programs. The funds are generated through annual fees collected from health facilities.

27 California family practice residency programs and 16 physician assistant/family nurse practitioner programs receive on-going support from the Song-Brown program. Song-Brown currently funds 34 registered nurse education programs (ADNs, BSNs and MSNs) to improve access to healthcare services.

The Song-Brown Program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act. More than half of the family practice physicians trained in Song-Brown funded programs practice in underserved communities upon completion of their Family Practice residency program. For more information about the Song-Brown Program, please contact the program at (916) 326-3752 or http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Song_Brown_Prog.html.

Family practice programs receiving awards:

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	\$206,460
UC Irvine	\$206,460
UC Los Angeles	\$206,460
Valley Family Medicine Residency of Modesto	\$206,460
Ventura County Medical Center	\$206,460
White Memorial Medical Center	\$206,460
Kaiser Permanente – Orange	\$154,845
Mercy Medical Center, Merced	\$154,845
Contra Costa County Health Services	\$103,230
Natividad Medical Center	\$103,230
Riverside County Regional Medical Center	\$103,230
Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista	\$103,230
UC Davis	\$103,230
Hanford Family Practice	\$51,615
Loma Linda University	\$51,615
Long Beach Memorial	\$51,615
Mercy Medical Center – Redding	\$51,615
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Presbyterian Community Hospital	\$51,615
San Jose – O’Connor Hospital	\$51,615
Santa Rosa Family Medicine	\$51,615
UCSD Combined Family Science – Psychiatry	\$51,615
UCSF Fresno	\$51,615
USC California Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615