



WHITTIER STREET HEALTH CENTER

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Richard Lynch Named Whittier Street Health Center's Foundation Board Chair

ROXBURY, MA (May 5, 2009) – Whittier Street Health Center is pleased to announce that Richard Lynch, President and CEO of CeltiCare Health Plan of Massachusetts, has been named the chair of Whittier Street Health Center's Foundation Board. The Foundation Board was formed in 2005 to oversee the overall fundraising efforts of Whittier Street Health Center to support its programmatic, capital and endowment needs.

“We are extremely pleased to have Richard Lynch serve as our Foundation Board Chair,” said Debra Miller, governing Board Chair of Whittier Street Health Center. “His expertise in the health care field and ultimate commitment to improving health care access to the underserved will be valuable additions to our Foundation Board. His recent appointment as President and CEO of CeltiCare is a testament to this dedication, and we look forward to working with him to increase the capacity of the health center so that we can reach all those in need of essential health services,” Ms. Miller continued.

Mr. Lynch has an extensive background in the health care arena and has been a member of the Foundation board since its inception in 2005. “Richard's longstanding commitment to serving medically underserved populations with the best health care closely aligns with our mission and we are excited to have him as part of our leadership,” explained Frederica M. Williams, President and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. “With Richard's resourcefulness and dedication, I am sure we will achieve the vision of being a premier urban. Furthermore, his ingenuity will be an asset to our Foundation Board as we continue our pursuit of building a new health center in the heart of Roxbury.”

Mr. Lynch was enthusiastic about his recent appointment. “For generations, Whittier Street Health Center has been at the forefront of delivering primary and preventative care to urban communities,” he noted, “I feel fortunate to join the Board, leadership and staff to ensure that this continues for generations to come.”

Central to this vision is the construction of a new Whittier Street Health Center in Roxbury. In a press conference held at Whittier, the City of Boston and Boston Redevelopment Authority recently designated Parcel 3 as the future home of Whittier Street Health Center's new comprehensive medical home. According to Ms. Williams, “over the past 5 years we have greatly expanded our services and reach into the

community, and are now exceeding capacity in our current location. Through this new building, we will be able to nearly double our capacity to serve as a true medical home for Roxbury and the surrounding communities. We look forward to working the City, the BRA and our Foundation Board to ensure this vision becomes a reality. The efforts of Mr. Lynch and the Foundation Board will play an integral role in our success.”

About Whittier Street Health Center

Whittier Street Health Center (www.wshc.org) is a Joint Commission accredited, private, non-profit, independently licensed community health center dedicated to providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary health care and support services for diverse populations to promote wellness and eliminate health and social disparities. Serving more than 12,000 clients with approximately 60,000 clinic visits and 20,000 community outreach visits annually, Whittier has a patient base which is ethnically and racially diverse and includes significant numbers of individuals from Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, the South End and Greater Boston. Whittier provides a comprehensive array of 30 healthcare programs and services designed to meet the primary health care, behavioral health, and social needs of the community.

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