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THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF SERVICES THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH PIEDMONT HEALTH

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (August 15, 2013) – The Orange County Health Department and Piedmont Health are partnering in an effort to minimize the gap in affordable health services in Orange County. On August 21, 2013, Piedmont Health will begin offering outreach services to patients within the Orange County Health Department’s Hillsborough clinic location. The goal of this new partnership is to help establish primary care relationships with people who are currently not eligible for services at the Orange County Health Department.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for both organizations that ultimately benefits the people who live in Orange County. At the Health Department we knew there was a huge need for primary care services for people in the Hillsborough area. We had the space and Piedmont Health Services had the staff. Win-win-win...you can’t do better than that,” said Dr. Colleen Bridger, Health Director for Orange County.

During the partnership’s pilot phase, a medical team from Piedmont Health will see patients on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Health Department’s clinic located at 300 West Tryon Street in Hillsborough. Adding four hours of clinical time each week will enable an additional 40 patients to receive care per month. Services will be provided by Dr. Oscar Cornelio and medical assistant, Mauricio Flores. Payment options include Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and self-pay based on a sliding fee scale. Appointments can be made by calling Piedmont Health at 336.562.3311.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Oscar Cornelio (Physician, Piedmont Health); Beckie Hermann (Hillsborough Clinic Manager, Orange County Health Department); Dr. Abigail DeVries (Medical Director, Piedmont Health); Pam McCall (Personal Health Services Director, Orange County Health Department, Evette Patterson (Director of Clinical Services, Piedmont Health); Mauricio Flores (Medical Assistant, Piedmont Health)