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PeaceHealth and San Juan Hospital District Boards Approve Letter of Intent

Non-Profit Health System and San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 will continue exploring possible expansion of local healthcare services

Bellevue, Wash. – The PeaceHealth Board of Directors has approved the signing of a non-binding Letter of Intent, enabling the not-for-profit healthcare system and the San Juan County Public Hospital District #1 (SJCPHD#1) Board of Commissioners to continue exploring the expansion of healthcare services on San Juan Island. The Hospital District Commissioners had already unanimously approved the same Letter of Intent at their public meeting on June 25, 2008.

The Letter of Intent follows a comprehensive, four-month assessment that evaluated the feasibility of creating a new \$29.8 million integrated medical center on San Juan Island that would include an expanded community clinic, additional outpatient and diagnostic services, as well as the introduction of limited inpatient services. A full report was presented to Hospital District Commissioners in late May. The feasibility assessment process was jointly led by the San Juan Community Hospital Committee, members of the Inter Island Medical Center, the Hospital District Board, and representatives from PeaceHealth. The group was also supported by independent consultants and industry experts.

The San Juan Community Hospital Committee is a group of concerned islanders working with skilled, experienced consultants, residents and potential partners, in an advisory capacity to the SJCPHD#1 Board, to determine how the growing island population could sustain and expand on-island access to high quality, cost-effective medical care. For more information, visit www.sjcommunityhospital.org .

PeaceHealth is a Bellevue, WA-based not-for-profit healthcare system serving multiple communities and more than 57,000 in-patients annually in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, PeaceHealth has provided exceptional medicine and compassionate care to Northwest communities for more than a century. PeaceHealth annually receives national recognition for innovations in patient-centered care, patient safety and healthcare technology. PeaceHealth is frequently named as one of the region's best employers. For more information, visit www.peacehealth.org .