



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 20, 2015

Resolution 15-07

Proposed No. 15-07.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION supporting the 2015 Seattle/King County
2 Clinic event and encouraging broad community participation to
3 make the event a success.

4 WHEREAS, a sizeable number of people still struggle to receive and afford the most
5 basic healthcare, even with healthcare reform. According to estimates by the Washington state
6 Office of Financial Management, approximately 138,000 people were still uninsured in King
7 County in 2014. While so many people are uninsured or underinsured, free clinics remain a
8 necessary part of the healthcare safety net and a critical resource for underserved communities,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, 3,386 patients received free medical, dental and vision care to at the
11 Seattle/King County Clinic ("Clinic") on October 23-26, 2014, at Seattle Center, and

12 WHEREAS, more than 75 organizations across Washington state, led by Seattle Center,
13 collaborated and contributed to the effort, and

14 WHEREAS, the 2014 Clinic was entirely staffed by 1,500 volunteers who provided care
15 valued at almost \$2.4 million over four days, and

16 WHEREAS, successful outreach efforts resulted in a patient population at the Clinic that
17 was racially diverse, primarily low-income and represented over thirty-one language groups, and

18 WHEREAS, Clinic patients received services not covered by basic insurance plans,
19 including diagnostic tests such as x-rays and mammograms, root canals, eyeglasses and lab tests,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, over 98 percent of the patients served reported in an exit survey that they
22 were satisfied with the quality of care and felt they were treated with respect by Clinic staff and
23 volunteers, and

24 WHEREAS, in 2015 a Clinic will be held on October 22-25 at Key Arena, led by the
25 Seattle Center and organized by over 80 local partners. The 2015 event aims to build upon the
26 previous year's success by connecting more people to long-term healthcare and increasing the
27 capacity of dental and vision care services at the event, and

28 WHEREAS, the Clinic must rent the dental and vision equipment and procure all of the
29 dental and vision supplies that had previously been provided by Remote Area Medical™, a
30 national partner that is not able to participate this year, and

31 WHEREAS, the Clinic's scope of work for 2015 will include a task force to promote
32 meaningful community dialogue around healthcare disparities and access, and

33 WHEREAS, to provide at least the same level of service as 2014, the 2015 Clinic
34 requires 650 volunteers per day for four days;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King County:

36 A. The Board of Health commends Seattle Center and the broad coalition of local
37 partners participating in the 2015 Seattle/King County Clinic for their commitment and leadership
38 in forming a community of compassionate care.

39 B. The Board of Health encourages active involvement in the event and urges medical,
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41 dental and vision professionals to volunteer and contribute time and resources to the 2015
42 Seattle/King County Clinic effort.
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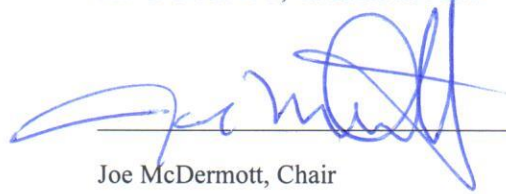
Resolution 15-07 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 7/16/2015,
by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Baker, Dr. Danielson, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Wales, Mr.
Dembowski, Mr. Okamoto and Dr. Daniell

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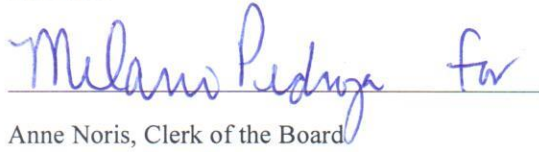
Excused: 3 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. Licata and Ms. Sawant

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None