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IMMEDIATE PAST, PRESIDENT & CEO

Dr. Roderick Seamster has dedicated his career to service of the underserved. In October 2015, he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer at a community health center that provides an array of primary, preventive and specialty health and enabling services to residents in South Los Angeles and surrounding neighborhoods. Dr. Seamster directed a staff of over 350 and managed an operating budget of over \$43 million. Prior to that appointment, he served as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) from 2007 through 2016 and held several other key positions including Medical Director, Associate Medical Director, Chief of Department of Medicine, Internal Medicine Staff Physician and Director of UHP Compton Clinic.

Dr. Seamster was an active member of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), California Primary Care Association (CPCA) and National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). These organizations have a far reaching impact on improving the quality of care delivered today and a major influence on helping to positively affect the development of key policy issues of import to the communities we serve. Some of the areas of committee participation included clinical practice, service integration for behavioral health and HIV, interest of the elderly, policy, education and advocacy. He provided a Congressional Briefing on Health Centers Helping Patients Overcome Addiction in 2018 and served on numerous commissions and committees addressing behavioral and substance use issues.

Throughout his career, Dr. Seamster has held medical staff privileges, some including Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, and major Health Plan Network Panels. He was a member of the California Health Care Foundation Advisory Group, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Beneficiary Experiences with Transition to Medi-CAL Managed Care. He was a long time board member of Lumetra, governance included State Quality Improvement and Fraud, Waste and Abuse. Dr. Seamster is a Board Member Conga Kids (since 9/2017) and served as member of Congresswoman Karen Bass' Health Care Task Force (since 2014), Board Member of the Charles R. Drew University Medicine & Science –President's Community Advisory Council (since 2013), AHEC Advisory Board Member CCALAC (since 2009), and Board Member of Weingart YMCA Wellness & Aquatics Center (since 2010). He serves as mentor, coach and preceptor to students, residents and professionals. He is a guest lecturer at the University of California Irvine, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences and Public Health.

Dr. Seamster joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps as a National Health Service Corps Scholar, stationed 1990 in San Carlos, Arizona, home of the San Carlos Apache Indians. Upon his honorable discharge in 1992, he achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander and relocated to Los Angeles, joining the community health center team.

Dr. Seamster attended Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, receiving the doctor of medicine and master of public health degrees, respectively. His clinical residency was in Internal Medicine at the University of California at Irvine (UCI). Of note, Dr. Seamster received his B.S. degree in the Biological Sciences from UCI, attended George Washington High School in South Los Angeles and was a USC- MedCOR Program High School Student. He is a member of the National Medical Association (NMA) and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. One of his sporting passions is golf. He is married with five children.