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Representatives tour Waikiki Health in Honor of National Health Center Week

(Honolulu, August 16, 2013) –Waikiki Health was privileged to receive visits from representatives from the United States Senate, the Hawaii State Legislature and the Honolulu City Council. They joined us to celebrate National Health Center Week and to learn more about the future expansion of Waikiki Health.

On Thursday, August 15, 2013 Elliot Kalauawa, MD, Chief Medical Officer & Sheila Beckham, RD, MPH, Chief Executive Officer gave a guided tour of Waikiki Health's Ohua Clinic in Waikiki and its newest addition and future site the Makahiki Medical and Dental Clinic in McCully-Moiliili. - "I am thrilled to have so many of our representatives engaged in our expansive growth and to be able to share some of the challenges we face," Sheila Beckham said.

Waikiki Health's family of clinics and outreach programs targets the most marginalized and disadvantaged island residents, offering affordable, quality medical care and social services in a nonjudgmental, welcoming setting. Special emphasis is placed on serving homeless families, individuals and youth; seniors living on fixed incomes; those with the fewest financial resources; and others who experience barriers to accessing care. In 2012, the agency provided 37,136 Primary Care visits to 9,315 unduplicated patients, of whom 72% had low incomes or were living at or below 200% of federal poverty level; and 41% were homeless.

For more information visit [www.waikikihealth.org/nhcw](http://www.waikikihealth.org/nhcw)

*Waikiki Health (previously Waikiki Health Center) is re-branding to increase awareness of the agency's mission, expanded and enhanced programs, and new service sites. The agency's mission is to provide quality medical and social services that are accessible and affordable for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Waikiki Health's primary care clinics and outreach programs include: Ohua Clinic in Waikiki; Makahiki Medical and Dental Clinic in McCully-Moiliili (opening in early 2014); PATH Clinic in Kaimuki; Next Step Shelter, an emergency/transitional homeless shelter in Kaka'ako; Care-A-Van in Kaimuki and Youth Outreach (YO) in Waikiki, which operate drop-in centers and clinics serving the homeless; Care-A-Van's medically-equipped vehicles, serving the homeless across Oahu; and Friendly Neighbors, offering assistance to older seniors. For further information visit [www.waikikihealth.org](http://www.waikikihealth.org).*

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