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### **Peach Tree Health Receives Federal and State Approval to Operate Its First Health Center in Sacramento County**

The Center for Community Health and Well Being (CCHWB) transfers ownership of the The Birthing Project Clinic to Peach Tree Health

September 17, 2015, Sacramento, CA. – Peach Tree Health announced that it received federal and state approval to assume operations of The Birthing Project Clinic from The Center for Community Health and Well Being (CCHWB). The facility is located at 1900 T Street in Sacramento.

Founded in 1991 and based in Marysville, CA, Peach Tree Health is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) with five locations in Sutter and Yuba Counties. It sees more than 25,000 patients and 80,000 office visits a year.

In addition to being selected by CCHWB for The Birthing Project Clinic, Peach Tree Health was selected by Dignity Health to takeover MercyClinic Norwood in Natomas. This transfer will be completed early next year.

“I am pleased an additional FQHC will be joining the strong network of community health centers currently serving the people of Sacramento,” said Congresswoman Doris Matsui, a long-time champion of the community health system. “It is critical that all individuals have access to quality health care and the opening of Peach Tree Health’s two locations in Sacramento County will further increase the access to care in our community.”

Founded in 1991, The Birthing Project Clinic started as an all-volunteer community service project to lower the mortality rate amongst African American babies in Sacramento. Today it provides prenatal and well-woman care to a very diverse population comprised of mostly low-income women in the Sacramento area.

“We transferred The Birthing Project Clinic to Peach Tree Health to give patients access to much-needed services like primary care and pediatrics,” said Wendy Petko, Executive Director

of CCHWB. “Peach Tree’s mission and culture are very similar to ours. They will transform this location into fully-integrated health center.”

CCHWB will continue to partner with Peach Tree Health by providing on-site comprehensive case management support to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes.

“It has been a pleasure working with Wendy Petko who has led The Birthing Project Clinic through an incredible transformation in the past eight years,” said Greg Stone, CEO of Peach Tree Health. “We remain committed to addressing health disparities in Sacramento and continuing our partnership with her organization.”

Peach Tree Health will host a Grand Opening Reception on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Peach Tree Midtown, Home of The Birthing Project Clinic, located at 1900 T Street, Sacramento. The event is open to the public. Visit [tinyurl.com/peachtree1900](http://tinyurl.com/peachtree1900) to RSVP.

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