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Mayor Eugene W. Grant Announces "Health Connect" Opening by Medical Mall Health Services at Prince George's Hospital Center

Seat Pleasant, MD -- During the 2nd Annual Seat Pleasant Health Summit in 2011, Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** brought together members of his community, experts from the University of Maryland Prevention Research Center, leaders at the Prince Georges Hospital Center and **Tim McNeill**, Chief Operating Officer of Medical Mall Health Services to discuss ways to reduce unnecessary hospital readmissions and come up with a partnership that will stream line and make more efficient our health care delivery to patients who are part of the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** is happy to announce that on June 11, 2012 [Medical Mall Health Services](#) launched its services to lower redundant hospital readmissions for patients at Prince George's Hospital Center which is part of Dimensions Health System. Prince George's Hospital Center is the only level two trauma center in the County and serves a vast spectrum of patients from the Washington DC and Maryland regions. Medical Mall Health Services is now providing its Health Connect Program at Prince George's Hospital Center, which includes services provided by a clinical team led by a nurse practitioner. Hospital patients flagged as high risk for a readmission receive a detailed health interview by the programs registered nurse, followed by a clinical assessment, then a plan is developed to address any gaps identified in the interview and clinical assessment. The Health Connect Program team then collects data using a cloud based electronic medical record system which enables the program to track outcomes.

The overall goal has been reached as this programs design will ultimately reduce unnecessary costs to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Additionally, the Health Connect Program has a goal of reducing losses at Prince George's Hospital Center which occur in repeat use of the hospital by uninsured patients that would be better served by outpatient programs such as the Maryland Primary Adult Care insurance program or (PAC.)

"The data tracking system used by members of the Health Connect Program will be analyzed by our partners at the University of Maryland's Prevention Research Center to perform and outcome evaluation of the intervention," stated Mayor **Eugene W. Grant**. "I am pleased to see years of planning and hard work finally coming together to provide better health care to our communities here inside the beltway who are underserved and in desperate need of a newer and better health delivery system, our partnership with Medical Mall Health Services, Prince George's Hospital Center and the University of Maryland Prevention Research Center who are all members of the Community Based Organization, [Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc.](#), (HENM.) We are revolutionizing health care delivery and outcomes here in Maryland and it starts in Prince George's County where this sort of forward thinking is needed the most. HENM, Inc. was formed in order to create a network of providers an opportunity to collaborate on improving healthcare delivery and as a result of forming this collaborative all parties involved agreed to embrace the Health Connect Program. While the principal architect of Health Connect Program is **Tim McNeill**, many of HENM, Inc. partners contributed to the idea. HENM as a major entity that moved this program forward," concluded Mayor **Grant**.

Mayor **Grant**, who serves as Chairman of the Board for HENM, Inc. plans to work with Medical Mall Health Services in expanding to Laurel Regional Medical Center, Doctors Hospital and Fort Washington Medical.

Additionally, negotiations are currently going on with hospitals in Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and Washington, DC.

The results of the outcome evaluations performed by the Health Connect Program staff will be shared with another HENM, Inc. member, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary **Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.**



Mayor Eugene W. Grant with Medical Mall Staff, June 15, 2012

In his efforts to help the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence acquire resources to improve health and the overall quality of life for his residents, Mayor **Eugene W. Grant** will receive an award from the Prince George's Hospital Center Foundation on June 22nd during their [Annual Strata Awards Event](#). Individuals are selected by the foundation for this prestigious award based on their ability to demonstrate a significant contribution which has resulted in the improvement of the quality of life in Prince George's County.

Seat Pleasant: *"A City of Excellence"* is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 4,582 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a Mayor, seven member City Council and 35 government employees operating a \$3.8 million dollar budget.

Eugene W. Grant is currently serving his 8th year as mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence. During his 8 years as mayor, he has successfully tripled the size of the Police Department, reduced crime by 33%, improved the infrastructure of the city, ended each year with a surplus and raised thousands of dollars for the local elementary school. Mayor Grant serves as the Chairman of the Board for Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc., President of the Maryland Black Mayor's Community Development Corporation, Inc., Chief Executive Officer for Global Development Services for Youth, Inc., and a member of numerous other organizations both domestically and internationally. You can follow Mayor Grant on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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