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Leonard Weather, MD
President-Elect, National Medical Association Commission to End Health Disparities

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AWARD
Booker T. Washington started National Negro Health Week (NNHW) in 1915. From 1921 to 1953, NNHW was a program supported by the Public Health Service. National Minority Health Month is a descendant of NNHW. The Booker T. Washington Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of wellness in emerging populations.

COMMUNITY HOUSE CALLS
The Community House Calls program—prompted by a large increase in refugee and immigrant families—was established by Harborview Medical Center physicians 15 years ago to bridge gaps between health-care expectations and practices of immigrant patients and care providers. Using a modified case-management approach, Community House Calls works with immigrant communities to establish two-way and open communication between Harborview and these communities.

Working with various community elders and leaders, Community House Calls develops partnerships that promote culturally sensitive care. Caseworkers/cultural mediators play an integral role, providing casework, interpretation, and cultural-mediation services in addition to navigation and advocacy in health, social services, education, immigration, and legal venues. Cultural mediators have recently begun providing case management for chronic-disease patients dealing with asthma and diabetes. The caseworkers/cultural mediators also provide formal presentations to residents, providers, and staff about their respective communities and cultural consultations as needed.

As a result, Community House Calls has improved—and continues to improve—the health and well-being of Seattle’s immigrant community by fostering long-term and trusting relationships among patients, families, and health-care providers and by delivering family-centered and culturally competent care.