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## Health Quality Partners of Southern California Named Behavioral Health Program of the Year

Since 2006, the San Diego Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration program has provided services to 9,300 people, over 80% of those were uninsured.

San Diego CA (June 11, 2019) — <u>Health Quality Partners of Southern California's</u> program, <u>San Diego Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration</u> was awarded the 2019 Behavioral Health Services Director's Program of the Year by the <u>County of San Diego, Health and</u> <u>Human Services Agency.</u>

"We know 40% of patients at our member community health centers have concurrent behavioral health issues, many of whom are averse to seeking services at specialty behavioral health programs because of stigma involved and/or their lack of understanding of behavioral health issues. This program provides integrated, comprehensive and holistic health care through an innovative, effective, client-friendly, and cost-effective model within a single treatment home." – Marty Adelman, MA, CPRP, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Health Quality Partners

HQP staff accepted the award at the Behavioral Health Recognition Dinner on Friday, June 7, 2019. At the annual event the behavioral health community in San Diego county recognizes individuals who work to support clients and family members in their efforts to achieve recovery without stigma.

"We are truly honored to receive this award from the County of San Diego. Through this vital program, since 2006, our member community health centers have helped over 9,300 people, 80% of whom were uninsured at the time they received care. This recognition is a true testament to the County's support of community health centers." – Nicole Howard, MPH, Executive Vice President, Health Quality Partners

## About Health Quality Partners of Southern California

<u>Health Quality Partners of Southern California (HQP)</u>, a nonprofit subsidiary of <u>Health Center</u> <u>Partners of Southern California</u>, helps improve health outcomes by implementing progressive and collaborative programs to support community health centers in caring for the safety-net population. HQP staff implement programs through the successful administration of grantfunded programs, which improve access to care, health outcomes and operational efficiencies.