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Photo Caption: Visiting Nurse and Community Health Hospice Care Medical Director Dr. James L. Baker met President Barack Obama at an April 1 “invitation only” event at the Boston Opera House. The primary topic of conversation was health care reform.

VNCH Hospice Care Medical Director Meets President Obama

ARLINGTON, MA – April 23, 2010 – Visiting Nurse and Community Health (VNCH) Hospice Care's Medical Director, Dr. James L. Baker, joined Gov. Deval Patrick, Vicki Kennedy and several other dignitaries at an April 1 “invitation only” event with President Barack Obama at the Boston Opera House. The fundraising event was attended by Democratic leaders, policy makers, and invited guests, and the primary topic of conversation was health care reform.

Dr. Baker has been VNCH Hospice Care’s Medical Director since the program opened in 2009. He and President Obama both attended Occidental College in Los Angeles. In 1997, Dr. Baker joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School, where he remained until 2007. After completing his Fellowship at Mass General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s, and Dana-Farber, Dr. Baker served as a consultant in Palliative Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess. He is among the few hospice Medical Directors who is certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (ABHPM).

Dr. Baker was invited to join the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Health Policy Task Force, where he hopes to help further the health care policy agenda of AAHPM at the national level.

About VNCH Hospice Care

Visiting Nurse and Community Health has extended its long-standing reputation for treating its patients with the highest quality home health care, to include Hospice Care. VNCH Hospice Care, the first ever to be based in Arlington, opened in 2009 and delivers compassionate, comprehensive services to patients with advanced and often life-threatening illnesses, and their families. VNCH Hospice Care’s team of dedicated nurses, doctors, social workers, inter-faith chaplains, volunteers, therapists, and home health aides all work together to help

patients suffering from advanced illness to maintain their dignity while receiving care that promotes comfort and support.

VNCH Hospice Care serves the following communities: Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Billerica, Burlington, Cambridge, Carlisle, Concord, Everett, Lexington, Lincoln, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Waltham, Watertown, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn.

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