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Aubrey Davis, president emeritus of Group Health, will speak to Washington State Board of Health about the need to reform our health care system

May 9, 8:50 a.m.–5 p.m., 701 S 37th Street, Lincoln High School, Tacoma

OLYMPIA – Aubrey Davis, founding member and former CEO of Group Health Cooperative, will address the Washington State Board of Health on May 9 in Tacoma. He will speak on costs and access to medical care and the need for health care reform. The meeting runs from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Davis is expected to address the board at 8:50 a.m.

Mr. Davis received the lifetime achievement award at the April 26 “Heroes of Health Care” dinner sponsored by the Washington Health Foundation. Mr. Davis, departing from the customary acceptance speech, challenged the state’s public and private health care leadership to cover the growing number of uninsured residents and to tackle skyrocketing costs.

At its May 9 meeting at Lincoln High School in Tacoma, the Washington State Board of Health will focus on health disparities—the disproportionate disease burden facing the state’s racial and ethnic populations—and ways to improve the diversity of the health-care workforce. People of color are less likely to have health insurance and access to regular care.

Aubrey Davis is chair and chief executive officer of Coastal Environmental Systems and a member of the State Transportation Commission. He has been active in Group Health Cooperative governance since 1950. He served 27 years on the Board of Trustees, eight terms as chair, and three years as president and CEO. As president emeritus for five years he has been working primarily on health-care reform.

Copies of the agenda, the health disparities report, and related materials are available by contacting the Board of Health or by visiting the board’s Web site at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/>.

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