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DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS DENVER HEALTH

DENVER – Denver Health received a 2017 Metro Vision Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award recognizes Denver Health’s Youth Programs and was presented at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

Denver Health’s Youth Programs works to inspire, train and ultimately employ youth to pursue careers in healthcare. Through Denver Health’s robust, hands-on curriculum, students in Denver Public Schools CareerConnect program grades nine-12 can get an early start on developing real-world skills that will help them become successful healthcare industry professionals.

“We have a long-time practice of promoting jobs and hiring from within our community to reflect the rich diversity of our patients in our hiring practices,” said Olga Garcia, Manager of Community Relations for Denver Health. “With CareerConnect, our talented and dedicated professional staff met and surpassed every challenge incorporating emergency medicine, CPR trainings, radiology, and bio-medical laboratory training among other techniques. We were hopeful that youth would embrace everything we threw at them and they did!”

Program participants work in small groups with a core group of medical professionals who provide training, mentoring and support as experts in the field. Upon graduation, students in the program are well equipped to pursue further education and eventually a career in healthcare.

Denver Health was recently recognized as the Denver Public Schools CareerConnect Large Partner of the Year.

DRCOG’s Metro Vision Award program recognizes exemplary projects, plans and initiatives that significantly improve the quality of life in the Denver region and its communities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocation funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development and aging and disability resources.

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