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Health & Wellness Center Opening in Historic Barrett Community

Harris County Public Health and Commissioner Garcia partner to Provide Much-Needed Services

HOUSTON– Harris County Public Health and Commissioner Adrian Garcia are bringing much needed health services to the historic community of Barrett Station in East Harris County. Residents will now have access to the new Health & Wellness Center at the Riley Chambers Community Center. The historic community, founded in 1889 by Harrison Barrett, a former slave, has more than 5,000 residents and has limited medical or preventative health services in the community. The closest ones are several miles away.

“Residents in Precinct 2 do not have quick access to these type of facilities. This year, I am making health care access a major priority. I want to improve access, increase resources, and investments to support our families who desperately need it,” said Commissioner Garcia.

Community leaders and residents will attend the Center’s Grand Opening on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Precinct 2 Riley Chambers Community Center, 11901 Mulberry Street, Barrett, TX 77532. Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will provide remarks, cut the ribbon, and tour the facility.

The Riley Chambers Community Center is located behind the Barrett Community Center. Harris County Public Health will be providing the Center’s low-cost, preventative health services.

“So many diseases can be prevented through preventive health care, and we are looking forward to helping improve the health of this community. This center will provide physicals and sports exams, screenings for chronic diseases, family planning, immunizations and dental services,” said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health.

In addition to Commissioner Garcia and Dr. Umair Shah, Malcolm Barrett will also be speaking. He is the Community Center Coordinator and the great grandson of the community’s founder, Harrison Barrett.

HCPH is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community.

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As defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Barrett is a low-to moderate income area, at least 51% of residents' median household income in 2015 was 80% or less than the median income of the county. In addition, 37% of residents had a household income of less than $34,999.

The Riley Chambers Health & Wellness Center will begin seeing patients on January 13, 2020. Call 832.927.7374 to schedule an appointment, but Walk-Ins are welcomed.

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