



PHI board member receives AltaMed's Impact Award

Carso Health Institute Director honored by LA community clinic network

OAKLAND, CA (March 16, 2010) –The Public Health Institute (PHI) is proud to announce that one of our board members, Roberto Tapia-Conyer, recently was an honoree at AltaMed Health Services' annual gala event in Los Angeles. The largest non-profit community health clinic system in California, AltaMed recognized Dr. Tapia-Conyer with its *Impact Award* for his leadership in implementing a plan to prevent the spread of the H1N1 pandemic.

"Dr. Tapia-Conyer has devoted his life and career to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their economic or social circumstances, has access to quality medical services and preventive care," said Mary A. Pittman, president and CEO of the Public Health Institute. "We are thrilled to see Roberto's efforts and contributions acknowledged by his peers here in the U.S."

Dr. Tapia Conyer has been an active member of PHI's board of directors since 2003. He is the director general of the Carso Health Institute, a private, non-profit center in Mexico City aimed at helping Latin America's poor. In Mexico, he is a professor at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico School of Medicine. In California, Dr. Tapia-Conyer is professor of public health at the University of California at Irvine. He is also a member of the advisory group of the Global Influenza Preparedness Plan and president of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Global Plan to stop Tuberculosis at the World Health Organization.

Former board member and treasurer, Castulo de la Rocha is president and CEO of AltaMed, which serves more than 137,000 underserved patients annually in Southern California. Howard Kahn, president of L.A. Care Health Plan, was also honored at the gala event, which was held at the Beverly Hills Hilton on March 5.