



## **CPPP TO HONOR METHODIST HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES' KEVIN C. MORIARTY WITH 2008 HOBBY VISIONARY AWARD**

Austin, Texas—The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPPP) today announced it would honor Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) Chief Executive Officer Kevin C. Moriarty with this year's Hobby Visionary Award. CPPPP chose Moriarty this year due to his strong record of charitable service and advocacy for good public policy, particularly for access to health care. Former Lt. Governor Bill Hobby, for whom the award is named, will present the award on September 19 at noon at the 2008 William P. Hobby Policy Conference in Austin, Texas.

"We are so pleased to honor Kevin with this year's Hobby Visionary Award. Under his direction, MHM's healing ministry to underserved people in South Texas has expanded dramatically, and he has advocated tirelessly for common-sense state policies that serve the low- and mid-income Texans," CPPPP Executive Director Scott McCown said.

Former Texas Lt. Governor William P. Hobby said: "I am pleased the center is giving Kevin this award. He earned this distinction." Previous recipients include Mayor Bill White of Houston; former Harris County Judge Robert Eckels; Anne Kaufman, chair of the Joint City/County (Houston/Harris) Commission on Children; Steve Murdock, formerly the State Demographer and now Director of the U.S. Census Bureau; and Juan Sepulveda, President of the Common Enterprise in San Antonio.

Governor Hobby will present the award at noon on Friday at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin, Texas. You can learn more about the Hobby Policy Conference on CPPPP's website at:

[http://www.cphp.org/events/event\\_details.php?eid=159](http://www.cphp.org/events/event_details.php?eid=159)

Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) is a faith-based, non-partisan, non-profit organization that was created to provide care through health-related programs and services that it owns and operates. These include primary care medical and dental clinics, support services like counseling, case management and social services, parenting programs, community centers, and church-based community nursing programs. MHM also provides financial support to established organizations that are already effectively fulfilling the needs of the underserved in local communities through programs and services that they already operate. MHM is currently the largest private funding source for community healthcare services to the indigent in San Antonio and is one-half owner of the Methodist Healthcare System- the largest healthcare system in South Texas.

Before joining MHM, Moriarty was a public official for the City of San Antonio for 20 years. Moriarty lives in San Antonio with his wife, Jennifer Martens Moriarty, and their five children