

**South Central Family Health Center  
Board of Directors  
CEO Report**

*July 29, 2014*

**SCFHC Health Center Overview for the month:**

This month was very busy for all staff:

- **HRSA Site Visit:** First I want to thank those on our Board who were able to meet with our HRSA site visitors and Program Officer on July 25, for the closing evaluation. Considering the 19 requirements that they reviewed so far we have not received official notice concerning their recommendations but I understand from our conversations with HRSA that we did fairly well with only minor issues regarding our Board of Directors, By-Laws, and sliding fee schedule as recommendations for corrective action.
- **RFSQ-LA County My Health LA:** I have been working with CCALAC, County Bd. of Supervisors and Congress members Roybal-Allard and Becerra, to include our clinic in this new contractual arrangement that is replacing the HWLA unmatched program. There are many unanswered financial implications for clinics that have prompted CCALAC to meet with the County DHS and others to postpone or reissue the RFSQ. Within the next two weeks we will know if the program will continue.
- **Interviewing Providers:** Over the last several months we have continued to interview for providers and other staff. We have had many interviews with prospective providers but have not hired anyone yet. We are competitive with other clinics in regards to salary and benefits. In our exit and discussions with candidates issues expressed are commuting time, environment, and some concern regarding peer support. I am working with senior staff to see how we can address these issues.
- **Electronic Health Record NextGen upgrade:** Our EHR upgrade has been postponed to September/October. We were originally scheduled to implement the upgrade that would allow us to start training for a Patient Portal in early August. The delay is good for us in that it will provide extra time to work on needed training and equipment assessment that should decrease any anticipate productivity decrease.
- **HRSA New Access Point (NAP) Funding Opportunity:** A NAP opportunity has been issued by HRSA. As discussed previously we were approached by a private clinic in Cudahy early this year and have been in discussion about acquiring that site clinic site which has approximately 2,000 unduplicated patient lives. We are considering applying for the NAP with the Cudahy site pending discussion with our HRSA Project Officer and Board approval.

The purpose of the Health Center Program New Access Point funding opportunity is to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by increasing access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. New Access Point funding provides operational support for new primary health care service delivery sites. Applicants must demonstrate a high level of need in their community/population, a sound proposal to meet this need by ensuring the availability and accessibility of essential primary and preventive health services, including oral health, mental health and substance abuse services, responsiveness to the health care environment, collaboration and coordination with other area health care providers, and readiness to rapidly implement the proposal.

Approximately \$100 million will be available for approximately 150 new and supplemental awards, with a project period start date of April 1, 2015. The application deadline is August 20; supplemental information is due in the electronic handbook (EHB) by October 7. This is possibly the last NAP opportunity we will be able to consider for quite some time since Health Centers are currently facing the expiration of a significant source of funding for the health center grant: the mandatory health center fund which, under current law, will end after fiscal year (FY) 2015.

- **TCE Community Health Center Financing Program**: Our commitment letter and timeline for our new Vernon street construction will be discussed during our finance committee report.