

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

*August 4, 2015*

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

Please review our Medical and Operations reports for information on SCFHC activities for the month of July. If you would like us to present anything you have read please feel free to request that we hold it as an agenda item.

- **South Central Family Health Center Summer Health Festival:** As part of a nationwide community health center effort that the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is coordinating the week of August 9-15, SCFHC will be hosting its own Summer Health Fair on August 13, and August 14. To date many of our community partners have signed on as participants, including:
  - The L.A. County Nutrition Program
  - Crenshaw Family YMCA
  - Care First Health Plan
  - The Mothers Nutrition Program
  - The Worksite Wellness L.A. Program
  - Molina Healthcare Health Plan
  - L.A. Care Health Plan
  - The Black Infant Health Program
  - Vernon Branch Library LAPL
  - WIC

Invitations to all of our political representatives have been sent out as well asking them to attend as well as to provide proclamations and resolutions that can be shared with the NACHC and others.

1. We were informed by Councilman Curren Price's Office that he will be presenting SCFHC with a Proclamation at our event on Thursday, August 13th the time is still to be determined. He may come around 10:30 to open the festivities.
2. Governor Jerry Brown's office contacted us to let us know that he will not be able to attend, but his office will be sending us a Proclamation for National Health Center Week.
3. Supervisor Hilda Solis office contacted us to let us know that she may be able to come to the Huntington Park facility during that week or if she's not able to make it, she will send her Representative.

4. Mayor Karina Macias office contact us inviting us to their Council Meeting on Monday, August 3rd at 6 pm to present us with a Proclamation for National Health Center week. She will also try to visit the Huntington Park facility during National Health Center Week.

5. Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office contacted us stating he will not be able to visit our clinic at this time however, he will provide us with a Proclamation

- **Strategic Plan:** We met with our consultant from the Center for Non-Profit Management Ms. Maura Harrington who will be presenting our Strategic Plan/Board Retreat Agenda at our Board meeting on August 4.
- **Development Update:** We have started interviewing candidates for the Development Director position and hope to make a selection within the next several weeks. In the meantime we have submitted several reports to grantees and are keeping updated regarding other grant opportunities.
  - In regards to our capital campaign, we have received confirmation from Kaiser of a grant for \$500,000 and should receive the funds in the very near future. Per our consultant Gary Erickson, this should bring our total funds to date of \$1,400,000. In addition, as a follow up with my meeting with LA Ares CEO John Baackes, Gary and I had a conference call with L.A. Cares Community Benefits Director, Roland Palencia. Roland instructed us to submit a request in the \$100,000-150,000 range. Gary will submit the grant for \$150,000 in September along with a request to Anthem Blue Cross for \$250,000. In addition, Gary is planning on submitting another grant request to the S. Mark Taper Foundation in early October in the \$250,000 range, along with other operational grants requests.
- **Vernon Medical Building Update:** There were some delays due to unforeseen debris deposits but it was not a major issue with ground leveling and construction now underway as planned. We have also started an internal awareness campaign outlining with a visual display within the clinic key milestones as construction takes place. In this way our staff and patients can be involved as we move forward to the grand opening in late 2016.
- **Board of Supervisor meetings regarding My Health L.A. (MHLA):** I have been involved in many meetings over the last several weeks with the Supervisors Health Deputies and the Community Clinic Association of L.A. County regarding changes in the MHLA program. Specifically the attempt to close all dispensaries and force clinics to open or contract only with pharmacies. This has raised issues regarding quality and cost which would in many cases be devastating for our patients and clinics. A Board of Supervisors hearing will take place on August 4, to discuss whether changes can be made to keep both dispensaries and pharmacies as co-existing entities.

- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Central Avenue Jazz Festival:** SCFHC participated in the Jazz Festival hosted by 9<sup>th</sup> District Los Angeles City Councilmember Curren Price Jr. and the Coalition for Responsible Community Development on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. This free community festival, which celebrates the rich cultural history of Los Angeles' Central Avenue, featured an eclectic group of musicians who performed their latest compositions and inspired us to appreciate the art of music and cultural heritage. SCFHC provided dental and glucose screening for members of the community and shared information on programs and services offered at the clinic.