

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

June 4, 2013

SCFHC Health Center Overview for the month:

- This month I attended a CEO/CFO conference held in Reno/Lake Tahoe held by our statewide clinic association **CPCA**. The conference focused on State and Federal reporting requirements, Medi-Cal FQHC Reimbursement strategies and revenue sources for community clinics, new Audit and Investigation processes, and contracting and accounting updates. Some of the financial indicators and strategies learned I hope to apply and share with our monthly financial reports.
- Staff has been busy over the last several weeks responding to several **audits** by the County and state, primarily for the L.A. County Healthy Way L.A. program.
- Construction and renovation at our **Huntington Park** clinic is underway. We hope to have completion by July, 2013. When completed, we will have 8 additional exam rooms and 4 new dental operatories.
- We are scheduled to begin **Radiology** examinations in-house by the middle of June. Once in place our patients will have same day access in-house to the latest x-ray diagnosis. This service had been delayed because of licensing and electronic computer hardware and software installations that were required at our clinic and our Radiologist consultant.
- **Vasquez and Associates Auditors** have been at our clinic over the last two weeks and will present findings at our Board meeting on June 4. Because of the auditor presentation I have postponed the review of our strategic plan for 2013 until either our July or August Board meeting.
- Our **Dental** clinic at the Jefferson Wellness Center has been accepted for use by our SCFHC employees under the SCFHC dental insurance plan, Dental Health Services.
- **Southside Coalition Program** Featured in KPCC Article – A new program will attempt to help bridge the gap between primary and hospital care for South Los Angeles patients, who all too often “get lost in the system.” According to Nina Vaccaro, the Executive Director of the Southside Coalition of Community Health Centers. The group, which is comprised of eight federally-qualified health centers in South Los Angeles., is developing a program that would place two “care coordinators” at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood. The goal is to help area patients navigate the often-confusing

transition between hospital-based care and primary care to get the follow-up services they need.

- **Study Shows Immigrants Subsidize, Rather than Drain, Medicare** – A study published in the journal Health Affairs concluded that immigrants heavily subsidize, rather than drain, Medicare compared to their counterparts born in the country. The study found that in 2009, immigrants contributed \$33 billion (nearly 15% of total contributions) to the Medicare trust fund, compared to having received \$19 billion (8%) of program expenditures. This is in stark contrast to people born in the U.S., who contributed \$192 billion and received \$223 billion, decreasing the trust fund by \$31 billion. Between 2002 and 2009, immigrants generate a cumulative surplus of \$115.2 billion for the Medicare trust fund.