

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

March 31, 2015

SCFHC Health Center Overview for the month:

This month our staff and Board member traveled to Washington D.C for the National Association of Community Health Centers annual Policy and Issues Forum. This year the trip was a very crucial one to educate congressional members of the need to continue funding for FQHC's, The National Health Service Corp, and the Health Center Teaching programs. I'm happy to report that along with the national clinic association membership, the House of Representatives passed a historic piece of legislation which, included continued Health Center Funding at its current level for two years. An overwhelming bipartisan majority voted in favor of the bill, with 392 votes in favor of the SGR "doc fix" bill, H.R. 2 (Funding for Medicare payments to MD's) which our funding was attached. In addition to \$7.2 billion in mandatory funding over two years for Health Centers, the bill continues funding for the National Health Service Corps and the Teaching Health Centers Program for two years. The Senate adjourned before taking up H.R. 2 and will not return to Washington until April 13. Because of procedural rules in the Senate requiring that all Senators be in favor of unanimous consent to expedite passage of a bill, the Senate failed to act on the legislation before leaving on a two-week recess. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) have publicly committed to the bill being considered very quickly when the Senate reconvenes April 13.

Our persistent advocacy and dedication to the Health Center Movement resulted in overwhelming support for Health Centers in the House. During our trip we personally met with the member and/or the staffs of Representative Royal Allard, Becerra, Waters, Bass, Lieu, and Chu. In addition were able to meet with our HRSA Program Officer, Dr. Duberry-Sumner to discuss our clinic progress and HRSA funding opportunities.

Update Vernon Medical Building Construction:

Staff has been working very hard to work out a number issues to keep within timelines for construction of our new medical building. In the meantime an opportunity to apply for federal funding of up to \$1,000,000 has been presented and with the encouragement from our Program Officer we are reviewing the application and hope to submit a proposal by the May deadline.

Please review the Board Operations, Financial, Development and Medical reports and if there are any questions feel free to bring them up for discussion, thank you.

Financial:

Patient visits are slowly increasing and should start to show positive financials in May/June as we slowly fill our medical provider needs. Internally we continue to work on decreasing expenses by revising contracts with vendors, savings in certain departments by postponing hiring, decreasing administrative expenses, and focusing on outreach and patient recruitment.

Development: Highlights from the report include:

Weingart Foundation Capital Campaign; \$300,000 received on March 9.

Pending grant submissions totaling close to \$1,250,000.

Our continuing HRSA Competition Grant to be announced in May for \$3,052,643.

Operations:

- My Health L A Program Enrollment Update: Increasing with continuing phone calls and on-going recruitment.
- Jefferson High School Wellness Center Encounter Report for January 2014- February 2015
- Customer Service Training – Kevin Henry – Kaiser Permanente

Medical:

- School based clinic updates
- Mammography
- Pharmacy
- Customer Service Training
- Board approval of medical policies