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# News Release

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### **COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. WELCOMES LAURA R. RODRIGUEZ AS REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST**

UVALDE, TEXAS – Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) has named Laura R. Rodriguez, RDH as Registered Dental Hygienist. Reporting to the Chief Dental Officer, Dr. Gregory L. Baber, Ms. Rodriguez works closely with other members of the Oral Health Department team to provide oral hygiene, appropriate preventive services and oral health management for dental clients of the agency. In addition, Ms. Rodriguez will assist with oral health presentations throughout the community. She began her duties on January 11.

“We are very pleased to welcome Laura Rodriguez to our Dental Health Department as our full-time Registered Dental Hygienist,” said CHDI Chief Executive Officer, Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson. “She is a tremendous asset to our professional team and further enhances our expanded services at the new Center for Community Wellness.”

The Oral Health Department of CHDI moved last November from Our Health / Nuestro Centro de Salud to the first of three planned buildings in the new Center for Community Wellness at 908 South Evans Street. The new facility increases the number of dental operatories from four to ten, with potential expansion to fourteen, to serve an increasing number of patients. Accordingly, the CHDI Oral Health Department will grow its service as a rotation site for observing dental and dental hygiene students from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

A native of Uvalde, Ms. Rodriguez received her certifications as a Dental Assistant and in Dental Hygiene from the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio after earning her degree at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. She previously worked with the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Dental Division as a Public Health Educator and in the Immunization Division. While at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio, Ms. Rodriguez received the Norman O. Harris Award for outstanding communication skills with patients.

CHDI's mission, observed daily at each of its four health centers, is "To continuously improve the *Nuestro Bienstar* (Health and Well Being) of the community we serve by providing access to quality health care services that are responsive to the diverse rural, cultural and bilingual populations in our community."

Community Health Development, Inc. is comprised of four health center campuses:

- **Our Health / *Nuestro Centro de Salud***, (830) 278-7105, is located at 200 South Evans Street in **Uvalde** and provides medical care to patients primarily from Uvalde and Zavala counties. Hours of service are Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm; and Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- **The Center for Community Wellness**, (830) 278-3765, is located at 908 South Evans Street in **Uvalde** near Highway 83 South and provides dental care to patients primarily from Uvalde, Real, Edwards and Zavala counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm.
- **Rolling Hills Health**, (830) 232-6985, is located at Highway 83 and Oakhill Drive in **Leakey** and provides medical care to patients from Real, Kerr, and Bandera counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm; and Wednesday from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm.
- **Canyon Health Center**, (830) 597-6424, is located at 700 Frio Street in **Camp Wood** and provides medical care to patients from Real and Edwards counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm; and Wednesday from 10 am until 7:00 pm.

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