

New dental options

FHCN in Porterville expands services

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Patients of Family HealthCare Network in Porterville will now have access to more dental services. U.S. Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-22 District), Tulare County Supervisor Mike Ennis, and Porterville Mayor Virginia Gurrola all gathered, with workers and other community members, on Wednesday to celebrate the grand opening ceremony of the new dental center in Porterville.

According to George Lurie, a communications officer for FHCN, the center will offer full-service for dental hygiene. It cost \$1.6 million to build, with furnishings, and has 12 dental operatories. It is comprised of 4,100 square feet and has the equivalent of four-and-a-half full-time dentist positions.

“[It will offer] cleanings, oral surgeries, root canals, [etc.],” said Lurie. Harry Foster, president and CEO of FCHN, was very happy with the new facility. “I’m ecstatic about being able to better serve the community. [We] are a very comprehensive health care provider,” said Foster who added that they offer medical, dental, integrated behavioral, and alternative medicine to patients. The ceremony began with a round of introductions of the FHCN Board of Directors and special guests by Foster. “This project was sometime in the making. [We’ve] had fantastic support from the city of Porterville, and we really appreciate [the] support,” stated Foster.

Of Representative McCarthy he was adamant. “[It’s] a very big honor to have him here,” said Foster. Then the tributes to FCHN, and Foster began. Representative McCarthy was very pleased with the opening. “[It is] truly an honor for me. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today,” said McCarthy. Stuart Anderson, a field representative from the Office of State Assembly Member Connie Conway, presented a certificate or recognition. “On behalf of Connie Conway and [the] great State of California, congratulations,” said Anderson. Mayor Gurrola presented a proclamation to Foster. “You provide something that is a treasure, something that people can not go out and get, health care. From the bottom of my heart thank you so very much. Congratulations to you on behalf of the city of Porterville [for] what you’ve done for Porterville,” stated Gurrola.

The attendees were then invited to the ribbon cutting and a tour of the facility.

FHCN is comprised of 12 locations that serve residents of Tulare and King’s counties.

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