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“We are the future of health care”

West County Health Centers opened a Sebastopol office last year to help fill a critical need for access to medical care for all West County residents regardless of insurance status.

One year later the Center is preparing to double in size and will soon offer full-time medical services six days a week.

With offices in Occidental, Guerneville, Forestville and Sebastopol, West County Health Centers offer a complete “medical home” for patients to establish a long-term relationship with one medical provider and a team of health care professionals. They provide a friendly, safe and culturally sensitive atmosphere to partner with patients in meeting their health care needs.

All the offices have bilingual staff. The Sebastopol office has been a leader in the use of electronic medical records that improve safety,



Dr. Jason Cunningham (right) is medical director at the Sebastopol Community Health Center that offers care for all regardless of insurance status. The ideal of a community health center is that “everybody has a place to go. That’s what health care should be,” said Cunningham. “We’re trying to keep people healthy every day.” Photo by Ryan Garrett.

create efficiencies, and offer creative new ways to access care.

“Electronic health records present a seismic change for health care in America,” said Dr. Jason Cunningham, the Sebastopol Community Health Center medical director and project champion for electronic records.

In the future electronic medical records will mean patients can talk with doctors via e-mail, participate in online conferences with specialists and be a part of group visits with other patients who share a common chronic medical condition such as diabetes or HIV/AIDS.

“As a champion of community health centers it’s exciting to be involved in a project that reduces the disparity in health care services between rich and poor,” said Dr. Cunningham. “It’s my passion to provide the same quality of care to all my patients regardless if they are a CEO or a homeless person.”