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“We are the future of health care.”

West County Health Centers expects another busy year providing a “medical home” for all West County residents seeking access to quality health care.

“The ideal is that everybody has a place to go regardless of whether they are a CEO or a homeless person,” said Dr. Jason Cunningham, medical director at the Sebastopol Community Health Center. “That’s what health care should be about.” The two-year-old Sebastopol clinic is doubling in physical size this year and adding doctors and medical staff to meet a growing demand.

“We recently hit 90 employees,” said WCHC spokeswoman Jennifer Neeley. “We’ll have 100 by the end of the year.” The bottom line is “We’re going to be able to see more patients.”

With health centers in Guerneville, Occidental and Sebastopol, a dental and mental health clinic in Guerneville and a teen clinic in Forestville, WCHC offers comprehensive outpatient med-



At West County Health Centers “We’re trying to keep people healthy every day,” said Executive Director Mary Szcsey. With healthcare access in the forefront of the national political debate, “It’s a very exciting time for us,” said Szcsey. “We know that we’ll be the cornerstone of any type of national health care reform.”

ical services including primary health care for all ages, obstetrics, well-child exams, low-cost immunizations,

HIV/AIDS primary care, breast and cervical cancer screening, family planning, dental services and mental health coun-

seling. All the offices have bi-lingual staff and provide a friendly, safe and culturally sensitive atmosphere in which patients can establish a long-term relationship with one medical provider and a team of health care professionals. WCHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center, a designation given to community health centers providing health services where other options are limited.

“We qualify because we are in a medically under-served area, said Neeley. “We agree to see anybody who comes through our doors regardless of their ability to pay.”

“Primarily we are here for uninsured and rural patients because they have a difficult time finding access.”

People in rural areas have a harder time accessing medical care whether insured or not because of the transportation issues and proximity to doctors. It is one of our priorities to take care of people who live in the West County.”