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Electronic Health Record Implementation in KERN!



In the last several months our Information Technology and Operations departments along with the Billing staff, have been working hard to roll-out the electronic health record systems to paper health centers.

In November 2015, the Central Community Health Center went live, followed by 34th Street Community Health Center in December. Next will be the North of the River Community Health Center on January 11, 2016.

2016 - The roll-out will take place at the remaining paper sites next year!

An Electronic Health Record (EHR) system allows our doctors to more easily keep track of a patient's health information and enables them to access the patient's information when they have a problem even if they are at another clinic location. EHRs also make it easier for the provider to share information with specialists and others so that everyone who needs the patient's information has it available when they need it. Be assured that

we have taken measures to protect and secure the patient's Personal Health Information.

Big THANKS to the Providers, Office Managers, and Staff!

Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) opened up its newest Fresno-based health center in late November



The North Fine Community Health Center opened on November 30, 2015 and is located at 1945 N. Fine Avenue Suite 100, Fresno, California 93727, on the east-side of Fresno, out near the airport area, to serve that part of urban Fresno where there are few primary care providers. The health center is designed with four



exam rooms, treatment room, vitals room, nurse's station, and offices for the providers and clinic managers.

Primary services that are provided include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology. CSV has the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program and health insurance assistance services on-site, and will have chiropractic services at the site in the future.

The site is open from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 pm, and serves as a training site for new staff to learn our EHR/EPM system.

We will be hosting a Grand Opening on Thursday, January 14th at 11am.

Baker Street Village Community Health Center Opened Monday, December 14, 2015



Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) is excited to announce the opening of its newest location in Kern County, the Baker Street Village Community Health Center.

Baker Street Village CHC
1015 Baker Street, #4
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Phone: 661-328-4283
Hours: 830am to 530pm

Clinica has partnered with the Housing Authority of the County of Kern to create a public housing/primary care program, located at the Baker Street Village (BSV) in Bakersfield, California. Clinica has located the Baker Street Village Community Health Center within the Baker Street Village housing complex to deliver high quality, integrated and family based preventative and primary health care services.

"Our new access point, the Baker Street Village Community Health Center, is located at the southeast corner of Baker and Lake Street in East Bakersfield. This is an area of , low and moderate income individuals and families experiencing poverty and high unemployment." Explains CEO, Stephen W. Schilling. "There is almost no primary care in the neighborhood."



The Baker Street Village Community Health Center provides primary care services, including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology. The center offers health care for all life cycles, including age-appropriate immunization, health screenings, and follow-up care for chronic diseases. Patients have a medical home that includes access to mental health and substance abuse services, which are provided at other CSV sites and Medi-Cal insurance eligibility assistance.

Check out the postcard: [Baker Street Village CHC](#). We'll plan a Grand Opening sometime in January 2016.



Open Enrollment

All Californians can sign up during open enrollment, which begins Nov. 1, 2015 through Jan. 31, 2016

Covered California is the place where Californians can get brand-name health insurance under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It's the only place to get federal premium assistance to help you buy private insurance from companies like the

ones listed on the right. That means you may qualify for a discount on private insurance, or get health insurance through the state's Medi-Cal program. Either way, you'll get great health coverage.

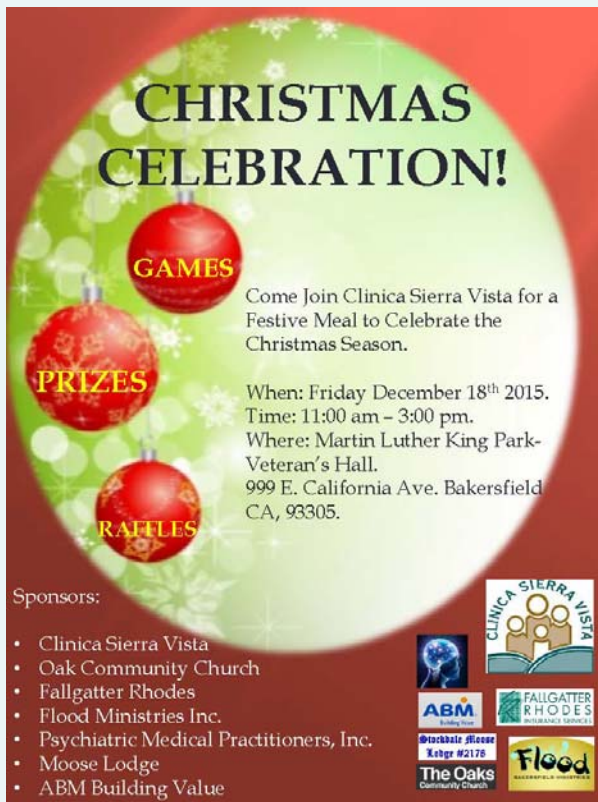
Clinica Sierra Vista is certified entity approved to enroll eligible individuals in the Marketplace. Our certified enrollment counselors (CECs) assist the public with enrollment into Covered California and Medi-Cal.

While there is no deadline for Medi-Cal, most uninsured individuals will face a tax penalty if they are not enrolled in Medi-Cal or a qualified health plan by January 31, 2016. The penalty for 2015 is \$325 or 2% of adjusted gross income, whichever is greater.

Please contact our Health Insurance Eligibility Assistance Program Supervisors to learn more about this great service to our patients.

For **Kern County**, call Ana Velasquez at **(661) 328-4245**.

For **Fresno County**, call Melissa Reyna at **1-855-867-7216 or (559) 457-5961**.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!


GAMES
PRIZES
RAFFLES

Come Join Clinica Sierra Vista for a Festive Meal to Celebrate the Christmas Season.

When: Friday December 18th 2015.
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Where: Martin Luther King Park-Veteran's Hall.
999 E. California Ave. Bakersfield CA, 93305.

Sponsors:

- Clinica Sierra Vista
- Oak Community Church
- Fallgatter Rhodes
- Flood Ministries Inc.
- Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc.
- Moose Lodge
- ABM Building Value



CLINICA SIERRA VISTA HOLIDAY EVENT FEED AND GIVEAWAY

It's Beginning to Feel A Lot Like Christmas

Clinica Sierra Vista's SAMHSA program Housing Solutions with Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Interventions took advantage of the holiday season and hosted a luncheon for local homeless individuals and families on December 18, 2015.

The event was held at the Veteran's Hall at Martin Luther King park, a location that was generously donated by FLOOD Ministries.

Over 110 local homeless individuals in the area were treated to an afternoon of turkey dinners, holiday music, dancing, games, and prizes. It was an extraordinary afternoon of Clinica Sierra Vista employees connecting

with the homeless population, some of whom they had never met before. It was an occasion for some to gather their families and celebrate, and for others to simply seek a hot meal and some holiday comforts.

The event was coordinated by SAMHSA Housing Solutions Director Margarita Rosson, and Clinica Sierra Vista employees Joni Sceales and Judith Carrillo. Several different programs were in attendance to celebrate the holidays with their clients, including staff from Clinica Sierra Vista's Home First, Griffins Gate transitional housing, and the Kern Lifeline Project. Several key sponsors also contributed to the success of the luncheon: Oak Community Church, Greg Sceales from Fallgatter Rhodes, FLOOD Ministries, Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc., Moose Lodge, and ABM Building Value.

The event was a tremendous success, and Clinica Sierra Vista clients and non-clients alike were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the holidays.

Thanks to the generous contributions provided through these sponsors, clients were provided with holiday gifts that included necessities including socks and hygiene products. The star attraction of the event was a beautiful Christmas tree donated by FLOOD Ministries. The tree was raffled off at the end of the luncheon to a family in need, where it will continue to serve to brighten their holiday spirits.



Clinica Sierra Vista Gift Baskets for our Needy Families

In an effort to give back to the families we serve every day, Clinica Sierra Vista asked staff members to donate canned good items for our patients and their families for the holiday season, and you all delivered! Thank you very much for your continued support to help those who truly need it.

Today, we distributed tons of bags filled with items to make a great holiday feast, including canned and baked goods, spiral hams, and added blankets to the basket too!

Big thanks for the Office Managers and Administrative staff that helped coordinate this event!



Alma Ruiz and Patricia Jimenez -
Billing Department



Abel Victorio, Facilities



Grecia Barrera and Cindy Stewart -
Credentialing



Marcia Reyes (Dental) and Carmen Cavezza (Quality).



On National World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, our Kern Life Line Program hosted an event at Bakersfield College at the request of Student Health Center faculty staff for HIV prevention, education and testing.

Bakersfield College promoted the event throughout the campus in displaying posters in recognition of World AIDS Day.

To reach out to our Kern Life Line Program, call

Mike Gonzalez, Case Manager
2000 Physicians Plaza,



2nd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301 gonzalezmi@clinciasierravista.org Off: 661-324-3262

To find out Facts about HIV/AIDs at <http://www.worldaidsday.org/>.

45th Anniversary - Clinica Sierra Vista



Clinica Sierra Vista will be celebrating **45 years** of service next year. We will commemorate this special occasion with a PARTY for all CSV staff!

We have reserved the Bakersfield and Fresno Convention Centers for this event to take place in October 2016. Mark you Calendars!

Bakersfield Convention Center - Saturday, October 1, 2016

Fresno Convention Center - Saturday, October 15, 2016

We'll begin preparing for this event soon, so if you have any recommendations on entertainment or activities, please send them to [Pritika Ram](#) (ext. 2192).

**CSV Board of Directors Member
Socorro Munoz announces her retirement**



Board President, Matt Clark, and Mrs. Munoz

Our long standing Board Member, **Socorro Munoz**, announced her retirement as a member of our Board of Directors at December's meeting.

Mrs. Munoz joined the Clinica Sierra Vista Board of Directors in 1991 as a retired tutor and migrant educator working for the McFarland School District.

She was a great addition to our Board because of her many years of working with migrant families in the McFarland area, and her commitment to serve the populations that are the most neediest. Mrs. Munoz brought a great deal of experience to Board and she will be missed.

Additionally, Mrs. Munoz recently celebrated her 91st birthday!

Thank you Mrs. Munoz for your 24 years of service and your continued commitment to provide quality care to our patients.

Saying farewell to three great guys...

In the last two months, **TIM SPEECE**, Deputy Chief of Operations, **Doug Moore**, Director of Facilities, and **Kevin Hamilton**, Deputy Chief of Programs in Fresno, retired after spending a combined total of 36 years with Clinica Sierra Vista.



Tim provided 16 years of service, Doug provided 11 years, and Kevin provided 9 years!

We had a nice dinner for them in November/December and wished them a fruitful retirement. Tim and Doug have their hearts set on spending time with family and traveling to the coast.

Kevin will remain an active advocate for Fresno and has joined the Central California Asthma Collaborative as their Chief Executive Officer.

WELCOME NEW HIRES!

On behalf of Clinica Sierra Vista, we want to welcome all new employees to our organization. We hope you will have an amazing time working with us. If you are in need of any assistance, please reach out to your supervisor or our HR department. Welcome aboard!

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