



LINK Newsletter *MARCH / APRIL 2015*

Gaston Middle School Health & Wellness Center Open House on March 11th

Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) is committed to the health and well-being of the children in our community. As a result, CSV partnered with the Fresno Unified School District to open and operate the Gaston Middle School Health and Wellness Center. On March 11th, CSV hosted an open house of the new facility located at 1120 East Church Avenue, Fresno, California 93706.



CSV - Steve Schilling, Dr. Reid, Kalila Banks, PA-C, Stephanie Shinkawa, RN, and the Gaston staff



Congressman Jim Costa with the Fresno Unified officials and Steve Schilling

Click here to view more photos of the event from our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/480738782080260/>

The new school-based health center provides primary care services, such as acute illness treatment, preventative care, physicals, immunizations, and behavioral health services. The site houses three exam rooms and one treatment room. The 2,000 square foot facility is open five days a week, eight hours per day.

The Gaston Middle School Health and Wellness Center provides students with an innovative way to access health care, preparing them to be at their healthiest in school. Such support leads to improved student learning as well as stronger families and communities. CSV looks forward to assisting in the proper development of the community's population.

A very special THANK YOU to Ruben Chavez, CAO, Facilities Manager, Raul Salazar, and Office Manager, Maricruz Maldonado, for their continued work in ensuring the partnership with FUSD is solid and overseeing the project.

EAST NILES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The East Niles Community Health Center Grand Opening!

The new service delivery site officially began serving patients on February 2nd, and after a soft opening we thought it was time to unveil the 14,000 square foot facility to the community and friends of the health center. On Friday, March 6, 2015, we celebrated the grand opening of the East Niles Community Health Center. The health center is located at 7800 Niles Street, Bakersfield, CA 93306, and is open from Monday to Friday, 830am to 530pm.

We had a wonderful turnout from our elected officials and community members.



Steve Schilling with Vice Mayor
Harold Hanson



CSV team with two of our Board Members,
Mrs. Benavidez and Ms. Gutierrez.

Click her to view more photos of the event from on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1620880631475549/>.

For those who could not join us during the grand opening, take a virtual tour of the site by clicking: <http://goo.gl/NqzCMU>.

A special thank you to our facilities team, Doug Moore and Abel Victorio, and Purchasing Agent, Therese Blackwood, for their continued hard work. Also, a special thank you is extended to our clinical team: Program Director, Dr. Carol Stewart, the Director of Nursing Sarai Moore, and the office manager, Martha Martinez.

CSV - Quarter 4 2014 *(Oct to Dec 2014)* Patient Satisfaction Survey

This past month, the staff at the **Old Town Kern Community Health Center in Kern** were presented with a trophy for having the most improved score in patient satisfaction among **all the KERN medical sites**.



KERN- Old Town Kern CHC

The team at **Garland Community Health Center in Fresno** won the Quarter 4 (2014)

award for having the most improved score in patient satisfaction among **all the Fresno medical sites.**



FRESNO - Garland CHC

The dental team at the **East Bakersfield Dental Center in Kern** beat out five other dental sites in both Kern and Fresno for having the most improved score for Patient Satisfaction.



KERN - East Bakersfield Dental

On a quarterly basis, each site was rated on six categories ranging from patient loyalty to courtesy and helpfulness of medical and dental staff.

We want to THANK all of the winners for their hard work and commitment to provide great customer service to our patients. They were rewarded with a large trophy and a pizza party. Way to Go! Let's see which site receives next quarter's trophy!!

Dr. Kelley Pono, Dental Director



Dr. Kelly has been with Clinica since in May 2014 when he joined us as a staff Dentist. Dr. Kelly graduated from dental school at Midwestern University of Arizona, and completed an AEGD Residency program at Lutheran Medical Center in Waimanalo, Hawaii. Prior to becoming a dentist, Dr. Kelly was a mental health counselor working with adolescents in Utah, Hawaii, and Nevada. Dr. Kelly is a National Health Service Corps Scholar.

Dr. Kelly has been well received by both staff and patients with his friendly demeanor and professional skill set.

We look forward to and support Dr. Kelly in his new role. Welcome Dr. Kelly!



Access is the Answer Campaign

**The Fiscal Cliff for Community Health Centers is nearing -
We NEED your Support... Contact Our Members of Congress TODAY!**

On March 19th, a group of from CSV meet with our Congressional Leaders in Washington D.C. to discuss the very issues that you have been advocating for: (1) Health Center Funding Cliff; (2) Teaching Health Center program; and (3) National Health Services Corps.

We met with representatives from Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Congressman Paul Cook, and Congressman Valadao's offices, and had an opportunity to meet with our long-standing supporter, Congressman Jim Costa.



From left to right: Kizzy Williams, Erin Portugal, Ed Gordon, Cong. Jim Costa, Pritika Ram, and Steve Schilling

Last week, the **House** passed a historic piece of legislation which, thanks to your advocacy, included continued Health Center Funding at its current level for two years. An overwhelming bipartisan majority voted in favor of the bill, with 392 votes in favor of the SGR "doc fix" bill, H.R. 2. In addition to \$7.2 billion in mandatory funding over two years for Health Centers, the bill continues funding for the National Health Service Corps and the Teaching Health Centers Program for two years.

The **Senate** still needs to vote to pass this legislation in order for it to become law and for us to move closer to a fix for the Health Center Funding Cliff. The Senate, however, has recessed for two weeks and will not vote on H.R. 2 until they return on April 13th.

This gives you and every other **Advocate** a great opportunity to let your Senators know that you want them to "Vote Yes on H.R. 2" when they return to Washington. We need to do everything we can over the next two weeks to get a commitment to vote "yes" from each Senator.

Thank you again for your incredible advocacy. We have a lot of work left to do, and we continue to count on your advocacy to make sure we see an overwhelming "yes" vote in the Senate.

Check out [Save our Health Centers](#) to find out more resources and tools to use as part of your advocacy efforts!

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MARCH OF DIMES 2015

The **Fresno Team** will be hosting a walk on April 11th at Woodward Park located at 7775 N. Friant Rd, Fresno, CA 93720. Registration begins at 8:30 am. For more information about the Fresno event, please contact Brandon Hauk (ext. 5924), Ruben Chavez ext. 5860, and Beth Mendoza ext. 5877.



The **Kern Team** will be hosting the March for Babies Walk on Saturday, April 18 at The Park at Riverwalk @ 1129 Stockdale Hwy, Bskfld. To find out more information about the event, please contact the following Team Capitan's Lilly Cortes, Greenfield ext. 3535, Claudia Esparza, Lamont ext. 3115, Alexis Rodriguez, WIC ext. 4607, or check with your MCOP/MVIP staff.



Rio Bravo
Family Medicine Residency Program

Rio Bravo Family Medicine Residency Program (Bakersfield Program)

This past month, the Teaching Health Center program located in Bakersfield matched its 2nd class of six (6) residents. These 6 new residents will officially begin their family medicine training in July 2015 at the East Niles Community Health Center.

With the addition of this class, we now have twelve (12) residents, and at full compliment, we will have eighteen (18) residents by July 2016.

Meet our next class of family medicine residents!



Jasmeet Bains



Arlenis Perez



Olga Meave



Rhett Pelaez



Verna Marquez



Omar Salamanca

Employee of Month : Ana Murguia



The Employment and Financial Services Bureau of the Department of Human Services is pleased to announce that Anna Murguia has been selected as the Employee of the Month for April 2015. Ana is a Human Services Technician III in Division (Kern County), and has been with employed with the Department of Human Services for sixteen years.

Ana has been stationed at various Clinica Sierra Vista sites for fourteen years, and she currently is stationed at the East Bakersfield Community Health Center. Although Ana is not a CSV employee, she works closely with our program and clinical staff, and has demonstrated great work ethic and customer service. We appreciate your dedication in working with us and serving our patients. Thank you, Ana!

WELCOME NEW HIRES!

On behalf of Clinica Sierra Vista, we want to welcome all new hires 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!

Pritika Ram, Director of Resource Development

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