



Preparing for the ACA

2014 is just around the corner. That means big-time change for clinics, regardless of model. We asked several CCHF clinics how they were preparing for the new environment.

FQHCs, like Lawndale Christian Health Center (Chicago), are preparing by promoting loyal relationships with their existing patients, who are suddenly faced with new options following the implementation of the ACA. According to CEO Bruce Miller, Lawndale is also optimizing their use of data, thus striving to deliver higher quality care at lower costs. Covenant Community Care (Detroit) is working with free and charitable clinics to ensure that they can provide a medical home for patients that were previously uninsured in a responsible and compassionate hand-off.

Executive Director Paul Propson also highlighted Covenant's effort to ensure that their staff can provide accurate information to existing and new patients about the changes. Similarly, charitable clinics like

Mercy Health Center (Athens, GA) are also focusing on helping patients understand the new healthcare landscape. Mercy's director, Tracy Thompson, sees gaps in the ACA where their patients will still need services in dental, health & wellness, and specialty care. Like many charitable clinics, Mercy is examining a new strategic plan, and researching various clinic models and funding streams.

Regardless of the model used, our mission remains the same- we must "show and share the love of Jesus" through healthcare to those who need it most. God hears the cry of the poor and we will continue to be obedient to his call as we demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to patients, staff, and neighbors.

Would you like to share your questions or experiences? Send us your comments

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clinics at a glance

Three hundred clinics nationwide are striving to deliver distinctively Christian healthcare to the poor. There's almost always two or three dozen groups in various stages of development. Here are three new clinics to welcome into the community. Please offer them your prayer, counsel and encouragement.

hope central clinic

seattle, washington

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founding physicians Dave Kwok, Chris Jones, Patricia Scott

1800

square foot new facility



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focuses: integrative behavioral health and pediatrics

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jericho road community health center

buffalo, new york



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different ministries merged together: Jericho Road Family Practice and Jericho Road Ministries

5000

refugee families served through 800 clinic contacts each week.

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hope christian health center

las vegas, nevada

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new branding concept

227,000

population of North Las Vegas, where the clinic is located

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types of providers: doctors, nurses, and social workers



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Samaritan Health Center Durham, NC

The last 12 months have been a faith-filled journey at Samaritan Health Center, serving the poor and homeless residents of Durham, North Carolina. For several months, Samaritan had many quiet days and prayed for more patients. As a result of God's faithfulness, they are anticipating a 45% increase in patient visits this year compared to last, and opened a second location with three new staff members. Additionally, the clinic responded to increased patient demand by expanding hours at the original clinic.

God has been moving in tangible ways with Samaritan's patients. Elizabeth Brill, Operations Manager, tells a story: "One patient has schizophrenia and diabetes. When the patient came for the

appointment, he hadn't brought his blood glucose log or glucometer to show the doctor. It turns out the room in which he has staying was infested with bedbugs... the doctor sent him to find what he could in his bagged up belongings, and he came back with a blood glucose log book with a perfect record of twice daily readings for the past two weeks. What a feat! He reminded us to keep working, keep teaching, keep praying, because sometimes it bears fruit."



students!

Are you interested in the movement of living out the Gospel by providing Christ-centered healthcare to the poor?

Ready to take the next step?



Please check out our Preceptorship Directory for opportunities to experience an academic rotation with clinics across the nation.



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Physician (MD, DO, NP, PA) at Chota Community Health Services (Madisonville, TN)

Administrative Associate at Los Angeles Christian Health Centers (Los Angeles, CA)

Staff Physician at Samaritan Health Center (Durham, NC)

Property Manager at World Impact (Wichita, KS)

RN Care Coordinator at Jericho Road Community Health Center (Buffalo, NY)

Behavioral Health Consultant at Esperanza Health Center (Philadelphia, PA)

Midwife at Lawndale Christian Health Center (Chicago, IL)

Part Time Family Practice Physician at New Creation Healing Center (Kingston, NH)

Social Worker at Cahaba Medical Care (Centreville, AL)

Family Nurse Practitioner at Hope Family (Kansas City, MO)

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Preceptorships and the Movement

Hosting students and residents requires time, money, and energy, but the return on that investment is huge, both materially and spiritually. Dr. Matt Rafalski of Dayspring Family Health Center (Jellico, TN) recognizes the importance of preceptorships, stating that Christian clinicians must “change how medicine is taught and learned, and the environment in which it is practiced. Mentoring

students on our terms, on our turf, in our Christ-centered practices will show learners that it can be done a different way. This is how we will change medicine from the inside out.” CCHF would like to encourage every provider to train one more medical student, and to screen that student based upon their interest in faith-integrated healthcare and serving the poor.

“The decision to host students and residents was the single best strategic decision we’ve ever made.”

- Dr. Rick Donlon

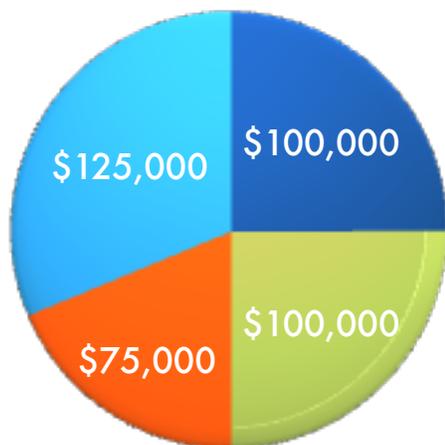
The value of this investment is obvious within the framework of Christ Community Health Services in Memphis, TN. Of their currently employed doctors, eleven had formerly spent time with CCHS as a student or a resident. According to Dr. Rick Donlon, CEO of Christ Community, medical students who rotated in their clinics and neighborhoods have also gone on to live and minister to the poor during their residencies in other cities. Donlon describes the decision to host students and residents as the “single best strategic decision we’ve ever made”.



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