



Celebrating 30 Years of Service to Community Health Centers *1977 – 2007*

- 1977** San Diego Council of Community Clinics (SDCCC) established by community clinics in San Diego County
- 1978** Developed first agency goals and objectives *“to improve quantity and quality of health care to the poor”*
- 1979** Medical & Lab Supply Co-op formed (group purchasing organization)
- 1980** Participated in meetings of the California Clinic Network (precursor to California Primary Care Association)
- 1981** Obtained Wholesale Pharmacy Permit which allowed drug orders to be delivered directly to the SDCCC
- 1982** Executed contract with Scripps to provide services to clinic-referred patients
- 1983** Expanded Co-op membership to organizations located in Imperial and Orange Counties
- 1984** Developed 5-year Strategic Plan with goals including cooperative purchasing, advocacy, technical assistance, shared services, data collection and analysis, and information and referral
- 1984** Received funding for Hypertension Control Agency (HCA 7) for San Diego and Imperial Counties
- 1987** Established HIV prevention program
- 1988** SDCCC employed 22 staff and operated 9 programs
- 1989** Implementation of Tobacco Tax funding (AB 75)
- 1990** County of San Diego Board of Supervisors established the HIV Planning Council in conjunction with the SDCCC
- 1991** Kaiser Permanente-Community Clinic Partnership began
- 1991** County of San Diego began long-term contract with SDCCC to administer the Ryan White Specialty Pool
- 1993** Community Clinics Health Network established to support clinics in managed care
- 1994** Changed organization name from San Diego Council of Community Clinics to Council of Community Clinics (CCC)
- 1995** Joined as a member of the California Primary Care Association, which was created in 1994
- 1996** Completed Medi-Cal health plan contracts for Sharp, CHG, Foundation, Great American, and CompCare
- 1997** Obtained first out-of-state contract for group purchasing when Planned Parenthood Southwest Oregon joined
- 1998** Created Physician Council with clinic medical directors and began to meet on a monthly basis
- 1999** Began contract with the County of San Diego for telephone triage services
- 2000** Developed Quality Management Plan to standardize QM activities across clinics
- 2001** Advocacy activities of clinic consortia statewide coordinated through funding from The California Endowment
- 2002** Technical Services Organization established to provide IT services to clinics
- 2002** Established community clinic emergency preparedness program
- 2003** Received federal funding from HRSA for 3-year HCAP diabetes care coordination program
- 2004** Implemented disease registries in 12 clinics
- 2005** Received funding from the First 5 Commission of San Diego for a multi-year countywide oral healthcare initiative
- 2006** Council Connections established as a Premier Contracted Affiliate
- 2006** Awarded a multi-year contract for Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) from the County of San Diego
- 2007** Received federal funding from HRSA for a 3-year project for countywide health information exchange
- 2007** Council Connections eliminated member service fees

Community Health Center Milestones

- 1968** State Health Department provided seed money to Indian reservations to form the California Rural Indian Health Demonstration Project (became Indian Health Council in 1970)
- 1969** Escondido Community Clinic opened, with \$50,000 from the city, a \$90,000 loan, and \$60,000 in donations (now part of Neighborhood Healthcare)
- 1969** Centro de Salud de la Comunidad de San Ysidro established by a local women's organization as a voluntary program through a partnership with the medical society and UCSD (now San Ysidro Health Center)
- 1970** Chicano Free Clinic created by community activists to bring medical services to the Barrio (became Family Health Centers of San Diego in 1973)
- 1971** Public health workers and volunteers established the first health programs for uninsured residents in North County (became North County Health Project in 1973)
- 1972** Linda Vista Health Care Center established in basement of current clinic site by community volunteers (now part of San Diego Family Care)
- 1972** Vista Community Clinic opened in donated space at the local dog pound; all staff were volunteers working for free
- 1973** Operation Samahan opened in a small barbershop downtown to provide health service to Filipino patients
- 1974** East County Health Services established (now part of Neighborhood Healthcare)
- 1975** Mountain Empire Family Medicine opened (now part of Mountain Health & Community Services)
- 1976** Indian Health Council became the first facility dedicated to providing health services to Native Americans in San Diego
- 1977** Sycuan Medical/Dental Center established, consisting of 2 dental treatment room and 3 medical exam rooms
- 1978** Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo opened Callexico site
- 1979** Operation Samahan opened National City site with one exam room and one provider
- 1981** Federal Health Manpower Shortage Areas (HMSAs) designated around Linda Vista, Beach Area, and Mid-City clinics
- 1982** Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties joined the CCC
- 1983** Southern Indian Health Council moved onto the Barona reservation
- 1986** La Maestra Amnesty Center established to serve persons seeking residency status
- 1987** Southern Indian Health Council acquired land in Alpine which was placed into federal trust
- 1988** NMA Comprehensive Health Center opened its Euclid site and joined the CCC
- 1990** Vista Community Clinic established the Health Promotion Center
- 1991** Linda Vista Health Care Center became the first FQHC-LA in California (now part of San Diego Family Care)
- 1992** Clinicas de Salud opened new Callexico Medical and Dental Clinics
- 1993** Sycuan Medical Dental Center opened on-site pharmacy
- 1994** Mountain Health & Community Services opened High Desert Family Medicine site
- 1994** Family Health Centers established Ciaccio Memorial Clinic, the largest freestanding HIV clinic in San Diego County
- 1995** Vista Community Clinic opened VCC-West as a collaboration with Tri-City Medical Center
- 1996** La Maestra Family Clinic established general primary care satellite clinic in downtown San Diego
- 1997** Vista Community Clinic opened 30,000 square foot primary care clinic and corporate HQ on Vale Terrace
- 1998** La Maestra Family Clinic formed Economic Development unit to provide training and job placement
- 1999** Clinicas de Salud opened new Brawley Clinic
- 2000** San Ysidro Health Center initiated the Southern California Border HIV/AIDS Project with UCSD
- 2001** Imperial Beach Health Center awarded funding from the State to build a new facility
- 2002** North County Health Services accepted into the BPHC Health Disparities Collaborative for asthma
- 2003** Indian Health Council began efforts for Native American Research Center for Health (CA-NARCH)
- 2004** Operation Samahan began the development of an integrated PM/EMR based on Open Source technology
- 2005** Neighborhood Healthcare took over behavioral health department from Interfaith Community Services
- 2006** Planned Parenthood established their own medical lab to process over 160,000 tests per year
- 2007** Neighborhood Healthcare opened Pediatric Prenatal Health Center with funding from First 5 Commission of San Diego