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Health Center Partners Secures \$1.3 Million from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Adopt Advanced Health Care Information Technology and Improve Patient Care

Significant Federal Funding Positions Community Health Centers Serving Southern California's Safety-Net Population for Continued Success with IT Upgrades

SAN DIEGO—(Oct. 10, 2016)— [Health Center Partners](#), a leading consortium of community health centers in San Diego, Riverside and Imperial counties, today announced that 13 of its member centers have collectively received more than \$1.3 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support health information technology enhancements. The funding is part of \$87 million awarded to 1,310 health centers nationwide to purchase advanced software and tools that support data aggregation and analysis in the value-based care model.

“Health Center Partners’ members are at the forefront of care delivery, serving nearly 800,000 patients across Southern California,” said Henry Tuttle, CEO of Health Center Partners. “We recognize the importance of continually evaluating our information technology systems to ensure they are capturing accurate, timely data and reporting that data in a way that supports critical decision-making for care delivery, reimbursement and operational efficiency. We congratulate our members for once again bringing significant funding to the region.”

The following Health Center Partners members received awards from HHS:

- [Borrego Community Health Foundation](#)
- [Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, Inc.](#)
- [Community Health Systems, Inc.](#)
- [Imperial Beach Community Clinic](#)
- [La Maestra Community Health Centers](#)
- [Mountain Health & Community Services](#)
- [Neighborhood Healthcare](#)
- [North County Health Services](#)
- [Operation Samahan Health Centers](#)
- [San Diego American Indian Health Center](#)
- [San Ysidro Health Center](#)

- [Vista Community Clinic](#)

In total, \$1,309,678 has been awarded to Health Center Partners members through this grant, building on the consortium's history of implementing highly effective programs and continuously improving policies and practices to positively impact community health. Health Center Partners members received 10 percent of the total funds distributed to centers within California, despite representing only seven percent of total recipients in the state.

"Quality of care is our number one priority, and we recognize that effective health information technology is critical to ensuring our patients receive appropriate and timely services," said Imperial Beach Community Clinic Executive Director Constance Kirk. "This HHS funding will allow our centers in Imperial Beach and Nestor to implement advanced electronic health records and other integrated systems to make more informed decisions about patient care delivery and better support our growing patient base."

"Health centers across the country are instrumental in providing high-quality, comprehensive primary health care to millions of people," said HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "This investment will help unlock health care data and put it to work, improving health outcomes and building a better health care system for the American people."

About Health Center Partners

Health Center Partners (formerly Council of Community Clinics) and its subsidiaries serve as the nexus for its members and partners to transform primary care through the power of innovation and collaboration. Our health policy, public affairs and advocacy efforts enhance the development of and recognition for our members who enrich the patient experience and improve the human condition through access to quality health care and related services for their diverse communities, with an emphasis on low-income and uninsured populations. For more information, visit www.hcpsocal.org.

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