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U.S. Health and Human Services awards local community health centers to combat the opioid crisis

Bringing \$2 million of federal funds into their local communities

San Diego, CA – Twelve Health Center Partners of Southern California member health centers received a combined total of \$2 million from the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS). The Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) grants were awarded to 1,208 community health centers across all U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia.

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), health centers will use these funds to increase access to high-quality, integrated behavioral health services, including the prevention or treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder.

“Health centers and behavioral health providers are on the front lines of the fight against the opioid crisis and substance abuse, especially in rural communities,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “Together, we can end our country’s opioid crisis and lay a foundation for a healthier country where every American can access the mental health they need.”

The following Health Center Partners’ member health centers received \$167,000 in funding:

1. Borrego Health
2. Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo
3. Community Health Systems, Inc.
4. Imperial Beach Community Clinic
5. La Maestra Community Health Centers
6. Neighborhood Healthcare
7. North County Health Services
8. Samahan Health
9. San Diego American Indian Health Center
10. San Diego Family Care
11. San Ysidro Health
12. Vista Community Clinic

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“Health Center Partners’ members provide high-quality mental health and substance use disorder services and care, [providing 41,000 behavioral health visits in 2018](#) to patients across southern California,” said Henry Tuttle, President and CEO of Health Center Partners. “These federal dollars will directly impact local communities, providing the vital resources needed to combat the opioid epidemic.”

About Health Center Partners of Southern California

Health Center Partners of Southern California, a family of companies, includes a 17-membership organization of federally qualified health centers, Indian Health Services Organizations, both urban and sovereign, and Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. Our members collectively serve almost 1 million patients each year, for 3 million patient visits each year, at 135 practice sites across San Diego, Riverside, Imperial counties, with the sixth largest provider group in the region. www.hcpsocal.org