



Central Plains Health Care Partnership Concludes Successful 2016

Central Plains Health Care Partnership (CPHCP) wrapped up another year coordinating health care for underserved populations in Sedgwick County. Slightly fewer patients found treatment through Project Access, a program of CPHCP in 2016 (1,116 patients compared to 1,402 in 2015). However, the program saw an eight percent increase over budget in filled prescription medications. The top five medications filled in 2016 were analgesics for surgery patients, anti-asthmatics for asthma/COPD patients, anti-malarials for joint and arthritis patients, dermatological creams and ointments, and anti-inflammatory medications.

Another highlight in 2016 was the increase in funding streams for CPHCP. Foundations, community clinics, and generous individuals led the way in supporting the program financially. NASCAR driver, Joey Logano, saw Project Access as a way to help the underserved and provided a grant through his foundation, which helped to purchase prescription medications. This was his one and only gift made in Kansas.

Finally, Central Plains allocated 3,400 donated diagnostic tests through the Coalition Test Project for nearly 3,000 uninsured patients at the community clinics. Below are just some of the highlights from 2016:

- \$7.2 million in donated medical care to the patients, including \$2.4 million in physician care and \$4.8 million in hospital care
- \$141,170 in purchased prescription medications from 85 local pharmacies for 687 patients and \$33,000 in medical equipment
- \$267,085 in donated medications from pharmaceutical companies for an additional 52 patients
- \$625,000 in funding from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and United Way of the Plains
- \$238,656 in community donations (thank you to all who made donations!)

Many thanks to those who made 2016 a great year!



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Central Plains Health Care Partnership's Executive Director Retires



Anne Nelson has retired following 17 years as Executive Director of Central Plains Health Care Partnership. Recognized for her work by the medical community in Sedgwick County, Nelson left on February 2 to join her husband, Bob, in retirement. She hopes to spend more time visiting her children and grandchildren and traveling.

“Throwing away the alarm clock”, is just one of the many quips Nelson provided at a recent in-office celebration of her career at CPHCP. Nelson has relied on the alarm clock many times since joining Central Plains in 1999, with a task to help the Medical Society launch the program of Project Access. The task was not easy, but with her strong sense of organization and on the reliance of support from the board of directors, City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, United Way of the Plains and the physician community to implement the program, Project Access has thrived.

In her 17 years, Nelson has overseen nearly \$200 million in donated health care by the medical community, as well as over \$10 million in prescription medication and medical equipment support. Nelson has built a career helping others, from her time spent as a therapist to helping people without health insurance get the treatment they need, and has always put the patient first.

Tricia Petz, Director of Operations, will lead CPHCP until a permanent replacement is hired. The staff of CPHCP wishes Anne a happy and productive retirement...without that alarm clock!

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Community Clinics Continue to Support Central Plains Health Care Partnership in 2016

Thank you to the community clinics for their continued support in 2016. GraceMed Clinic, Guadalupe Clinic, HealthCore Clinic, and Hunter Health Clinic were once again instrumental in the success of Project Access through financial support. The funds received continued to enable Project Access to coordinate health care for patients from these clinics. We cannot thank them enough!

Since 1999

13,282 Patients Served

\$47,987,939 Physician Contributions

\$140,275,502 Hospital Contributions

\$109,307 Dentist Contributions

\$5,262,423 Purchased Medications and Durable Medical Equipment

\$4,838,473 Donated Medications

24,146 Tests Utilized through the Coalition Test Project