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Sheridan Health Services Receives More than \$500,000 to Help in Coronavirus Relief Efforts

AURORA Colo. (April 9, 2020) – Sheridan Health Services, a University of Colorado College of Nursing nurse-led clinic in the Denver metro area, recently received \$584,045 from the federal government as part of its Health Center Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds, administered by the Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA).

“We are very fortunate to get this funding as it will help us prevent and treat COVID-19 within the community during this pandemic,” said Sheridan Health Services Director Erica Sherer, DNP. In response to the outbreak, the clinic is providing on-site care including pharmacy, has ramped up its telemedicine operations, is mailing prescriptions and doing in-person screening in front of the clinic. “This ensures that our patients are safe while receiving care,” said Sherer.

As a federally qualified health center (FQHC), Sheridan Health Services receives funds from the HRSA Health Center program to provide primary care services in underserved areas. The clinic must meet a stringent set of requirements, including providing care on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay and operating under a governing board that includes patients.

“We are very proud of our unique nurse-led model of care, and the staff, faculty and providers who were instrumental in obtaining this funding,” said University of Colorado College of Nursing Dean Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, RN. “It will help the community tremendously during this time of need.”

The Clinic serves 3,500 patients and sees 14,000 patient visits annually. It provides services including primary care, dental health, behavioral health, substance use treatment, perinatal care, pediatrics and pharmacy. Seventy percent of Sheridan’s patients are below 200% of the federal poverty level. However, the clinic serves a wide variety of patients of diverse incomes and accepts insured and uninsured patients. “In fact, anyone can be a patient. My mother is a patient,” said Sherer. “We have a sliding fee scale based upon a patient’s income. We’re not free, but we are affordable.”

There are nearly 1,400 health center organizations with more than 11,000 locations in urban, suburban and rural communities across the country. Serving more than 24 million patients — about 1 in 12 U.S. residents annually.

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