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Clinic for Refugees Opens in San Diego

The Alliance Health Clinic, unique in its roots and humble beginnings offering health care to refugees, immigrants and all patients regardless of ability to pay, is set to open August 1 in San Diego.

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders will be cutting the ribbon during the opening ceremonies at noon. An open house will follow with light lunch served.

The clinic is located on 5952 El Cajon Blvd (two blocks west of College Ave. in the vicinity of San Diego State University).

"This is the dream and hope of many. It has taken 5 years to make the clinic a reality," says Walter Lam, president and CEO of the clinic.

The clinic is a primary care medical facility providing comprehensive, family practice care to the community regardless of age, sex, or pre-existing condition. It provides routine and urgent medical services ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics.

It is located in the same building as the Alliance for African Assistance, a non-profit, multi-cultural, mutual assistance association & voluntary resettlement agency. This provides for a centralized place for services to the refugee community; health, resettlement/housing, education, after school program, translation/telemedicine communication in 80 different languages and job placement.

The clinic aims to improve the health and well being of these populations in addition to other medically underserved communities in San Diego County by focusing on preventive health programs and medical care services in a culturally sensitive and competent fashion. In addition, the clinic hours are strategic in that care will be conveniently provided for after work hours.

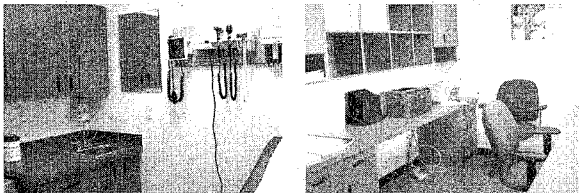
Hours, services

The clinic is open from Monday to Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

It has six examination rooms, a physician's office, nurse's workstation and a laboratory. The waiting area is equipped with culturally competent patient education materials and audiovisuals.

Staff

The clinic will be staffed by highly trained and motivated healthcare and



other service providers. Its CEO, Mr. Lam is the also CEO and founder of the Alliance for African Assistance. The medical director is Dr. Martin Kabongo, who practices within the UCSD Healthcare Scripps Ranch medical practice. He is the former president of the San Diego Academy of Family Physicians and a current member of their executive committee.

The clinic administrator is Dr. Maria Lourdes F. Reyes, who is a pathologist by training and a public health and community economic development practitioner.

These services include: Well Adult Check-up, Well Baby Check-up, Immunization-Pediatric and Adult, Pediatric Health, Pregnancy Testing, Birth Control, STD Testing, Diabetes Management, Pap Smears, Laboratory Testing, Hypertension Management, Ingrown Toenail Removal, Liquid Nitrogen Therapy, Suturing of Minor Wounds, Health Education and Counseling, Preventative Screening, Tuberculosis Testing, Eye Testing, Home Visitation Services, Mental Health Screening, Smoking Related Issues, Social Work Services, Child and Elder Abuse Screening, Preventive Services for Children and Adolescents, Referral to Appropriate Health Care Facilities.

The clinic has a patient transfer agreement with the University of California, San Diego Medical Center and Paradise Valley Hospital in National City. (Press release and photos from the Alliance Health Clinic)

She is past president of the American Cancer Society for the California Division and a lifetime member of the Board.

Scope of Services

The clinic will provide basic primary care services- comprehensive family practice service including minor emergency services. It will service its patients with state-of-the-art, evidence-based, compassionate, cost effective, continuous quality care delivered in a culturally-competent manner.

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