VCC EXPANDS CARE TO PATIENTS WITH MOBILE DENTAL VAN

VISTA, CA—Vista Community Clinic has taken a big leap forward in improving patient access to dental care with the debut of its mobile dental van. The van began operations on July 14 with a visit to the Libby Lake Community Center in Oceanside.

“We are dedicated to continual improvement of services to our patient population,” said Fernando Sanudo, CEO, Vista Community Clinic. “Portable dentistry circumvents many barriers to dental care like lack of transportation. Along with providing care, we also get to educate families on the importance of oral health and connect them with regular appointments for dental checkups.”

The 29-foot van was purchased by VCC in March. Cabinets were refurbished, and two autoclaves to sterilize instruments were installed. The van will be used by VCC dentists and members of the dental staff to visit schools, community centers, health fairs and other venues. They will provide dental exams, fluoride varnish, sealants and dental hygiene instructions. Services are available to patients 18 and younger, as well as pregnant women. VCC has also entered into partnerships to take the dental van to Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) sites and to MAAC Head Start locations. Beginning September, the VCC dental van will provide services to children at Vista Unified School District and Oceanside Unified School District.

“We are so excited to offer services with our mobile dental van,” said Rebecca Cornille, Dental Director at VCC. “It’s a great way to enhance our reach in the community and to provide care to those who need us the most. This also helps us to connect children who might not have a
dentist with a dental home so that they can receive comprehensive dental care on a regular basis.”

The mobile dental VCC offers a comprehensive dental health program at three sites in Vista and Oceanside to patients of all ages. Services include dental exams, X-rays, fillings, . To learn more about offers dental care for adults and children at three clinic locations in Vista and Oceanside including Vale Terrace and Grapevine Road sites in Vista and the North River Road clinic in Oceanside.

About VCC:

*About Vista Community Clinic:* With five locations in the cities of Vista and Oceanside, Vista Community Clinic provides high-quality, low-cost healthcare to more than 57,000 uninsured and low- to moderate-income members of the North County community. One in four Vista residents and one in eight in Oceanside receive care from Vista Community Clinic. For more information, please call (760) 631-5000 or visit www.vistacommunityclinic.org.