Vista Community Clinic Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND

Established in 1972, Vista Community Clinic (VCC) is a leading provider of affordable, high quality health care to more than 70,000 residents of San Diego, Riverside County and Orange counties. VCC provides comprehensive medical services and innovative health education programs to all community residents, regardless of income or insurance status. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has designated VCC as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home.

FAST FACTS

- Founded in 1972 in Vista, California, to provide critically-needed health services to in communities in San Diego North County where there are few or no options for care or where systemic barriers to care have been created.
- Nine state-of-the-art clinic sites in the cities of Vista and Oceanside in San Diego North County; one health center in the City of Lake Elsinore in Riverside County; and one clinic site in La Habra in Orange County
- More than 70,000 patients served each year
- Staff of over 700 and annual budget of $69 million
- Fernando M. Sañudo, CEO

OUR PATIENTS

VCC serves more than 70,000 patients of all ages and diverse ethnicities in San Diego North, Riverside and Orange counties. The majority are uninsured working families who rely on VCC for primary and preventive care. On average, Community Healthcare Centers like VCC, provide care to one in every six residents in the state and one in every three Medi-Cal recipients. More than 75% percent have incomes at or below the federal poverty level. VCC accepts patients with Medi-Cal, Medicare, as well private insurance plans. Patients without insurance pay a sliding fee scale.

OUR SERVICES

VCC offers a comprehensive array of services for patients of all ages at nine state-of-the-art locations. Services include adult and family medicine, women’s health, pediatrics, dental, behavioral health, cardiology, optometry, podiatry, gender-affirming care, acupuncture and chiropractic care, Hep-C / liver clinic, senior care, cancer screenings, and a Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MAT). The VCC Health Promotion Center assists and educates thousands of area residents each year about diabetes, blood pressure, HIV, breast cancer and other health conditions. Through its Tobacco Control initiative, VCC has played a successful role in reducing minors’ access to tobacco products and in the ban of cigarettes and e-cigarettes in parks, beaches and entertainment venues in North County communities. The Project REACH youth
development program provides after-school supervision, mentorship and academic support to youth from families that have been disproportionately impacted by social determinants that include where a person lives and surrounding environment, access to clean water and air, their employment status, access to food, and more.

MISSION

To advance community health and hope by providing access to premier health services and education for those who need it most.

VCC MILESTONES

2021: VCC’s San Diego North County branch selected as one of only 25 Federally Qualified Health Centers in the country, and the only one in the county, to be in the first group of a federal pilot program to ensure equity in COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The program was launched in a collaborative effort between the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

2020: VCC introduces specialty senior care for patients 65 and older with free on-site assistance in navigating Medicare sign up and maintenance.

2020: VCC introduced its own Mobile Medical Unit into the community to offer no-cost COVID-19 testing to all members of the community 2 years of age and older.


2018: VCC receives the “HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention Champion” Award by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, The American Cancer Society, and The Association of American Cancer Institutes.

2018: VCC Chief Medical Officer is named as one of San Diego’s Top Doctors.

2018: VCC Chief Medical Officer is accepted into the Carol Emmott Fellowship program for exceptional women leaders in health.

2018: VCC introduces acupuncture as a specialty service.

2017: VCC: Durian Pediatrics, a pediatric only facility, opens in Vista.

2017: VCC begins offering Hep-C / liver clinic to its patients.

2016: VCC merges with The Gary Center in Orange County. The new entity, VCC: The Gary Center, serves residents of La Habra and surrounding communities.

2016: VCC and California State University San Marcos Extended Learning Program team up to offer community residents an affordable career path into healthcare with the Medical Assistant Training Program.

2015: VCC opens its first health center in Riverside County to serve the residents of the City of Lake Elsinore and nearby areas.
2015: VCC introduces specialty services including optometry, chiropractic and behavioral health. They also begin offering a medication assisted treatment program, known as MAT, for patients with opioid addictions.


2013: VCC is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home.

2012: The 31,000-square foot Joan and Ron Moss Women’s Center opens at VCC: Vale Terrace. The center offers a comprehensive array of women’s health services including obstetrics, gynecology and family planning.

2010: Remodeling of VCC: Horne in Oceanside is completed.

2009: VCC opens a clinic site on Grapevine Road in Vista.

2003: Dental services begin at VCC: Vale Terrace and VCC: North River.

2003: VCC: North River opens in the City of Oceanside.

2002: VCC becomes a federally-qualified Health Center.

2002: VCC receives the Kaiser Permanente “K Star Award” for innovative programming.

2000: Renovations at VCC: Pier View increase patient capacity by at least 12,000 medical visits annually.

1997: Construction of the 29,000-square foot clinic at Vale Terrace is completed. The flagship facility, VCC: Vale Terrace, is the largest of the eight VCC health centers.

1990: VCC establishes the Health Promotion Center, home to an array of innovative health education programs for all community residents.

1986: VCC moves to the first professional medical building.

1974: Government funding allows VCC to move to a former church building.

1972: VCC is founded by a group of volunteers in the basement of a Vista animal shelter.

**VCC LEADERSHIP**

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