



COALITION OF HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

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The Coalition of Health Services was organized in February 1996 and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization in October 1997. There are currently 14 hospital affiliates, serving twenty-six counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The purpose of the Coalition of Health Services is to enhance rural health through coordinated and collaborative efforts of the member rural health care facilities, their partners and to support ongoing rural health initiatives in individual communities. This effort includes preventive and public health endeavors, as well as, primary health care delivery through the establishment of comprehensive medical homes for every resident. Opportunities have arisen to provide basic public and preventive health services, the institution of services that were new to specific sites and the simultaneous infrastructure development and modeling of a successful network of rural health entities. These entities now serve over 400,000 people living over a sparsely populated 26,000 square miles.

MISSION:

To develop and support the collaboration of area health providers in the provision of health services.

VISION:

Healthier communities through share services, programs, advocacy, communication and education.

The Coalition contracts with the Texas Department of State Health Services to provide services through subcontracts with over hospitals, rural health clinics, FQHC and physicians in 32 counties of Texas Health Service Region 1. These services include:

TITLE V - provides limited prenatal, high risk OB, family planning and preventive child health services to uninsured women and children in community or hospital-based clinics or private physician offices.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE - provides prevention-oriented, education-based primary health care to Texas residents who could otherwise not receive such care. Eligibility is limited to those Texas residents whose gross family income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) and who do not qualify for any other programs or benefits providing the same services.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SERVICES – BCCS targets women 50 – 64 who are at or below 200% of poverty. It enables women to access quality screening and diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancer and assistance with accessing treatment for qualifying breast or cervical diagnoses.

UNITING PARENTS - a parent case management program for families of children with chronic illnesses and/or disabilities. Uniting Parents offers a network of support to families caring for children with chronic illnesses and/or disabilities. The program is designed to empower families and enhance their children's quality of life providing information, education, training, referrals, networking and support.

CSCHN RESPITE - provides opportunities for families of Children with Special Health Care Needs enrolled in the Uniting Parents program to participate and receive access to short-term respite. Respite assists parents to keep their child at home, preserve and strengthen the family, provide care during short term emergencies, rebuild marital relationships, reduce stress, provides opportunities to participate in other activities and more. The mission of CSCHN Respite is to strengthen the family unit by providing respite and resources while allowing the child to be a part of his community not apart from his community.

In addition to the above programs the Coalition is also involved in other outreach, education, partnerships and collaborations.

Other programs include:

CARE for KIDS - program offers outreach and informing for children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), food stamps, the Women's Health Program, CHIP Perinatal and Long-Term Care. Though we do not determine eligibility for any of these programs, we do offer assistance with the application process as well as information about the programs themselves.

NETWORK OPERATIONS - a network security telecommunication infrastructure linking hospitals, private physician practices and clinics, offering the highest level of network security to help meet today's demanding HIPAA security requirements. Our network security program uses a proper combination of administrative, physical and technical safeguards to comply with HIPAA security regulations.

RHIO – expansion of our telecommunications infrastructure to become the Health Information Exchange for our region. Partnerships have been formed with local, regional and state entities including institutions of higher education. Currently seeking additional funding for long term sustainability through multiple

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