

**Community Action, Inc.**  
**Health Team Quarterly Report**  
**January – April, 2010**

**Key Strategy: To ensure that all low income men, women, and children have access to health care.**

**Reproductive Health Care**

- Health Team continues to meet clinic goals for income. With the loss of an NP in April, the other NPs and clinic staff have worked very hard. Income was only down 8% despite losing one of 3 NPs. We hope to have a replacement NP hired and trained soon.
- Clinics instituted using Liquid Based Paps in March which allow for more diagnostic testing of abnormals without an additional exam. We also began using new American College of Obstetrician-Gynecologists Guidelines which recommend first pap at age 21, every 2 years 21-29 and every 3 years 30 and older. So women don't need paps as often and will survive just as well. Staff have worked very hard on the counseling needed to get clients to understand NOT doing a test!
- Lockhart and Round Rock have begun seeing male clients. The 3 Women's Health NPs just completed a workshop with live models on doing male exams and have learned some new simple ways to make males more comfortable in clinics.
- Due to price changes in private offices, we have seen more clients referred by their doctors to get long acting reversible contraceptives from us. That shows that physicians are recognizing the quality of our services.
- The Breast Health Navigators have worked with clinic staff to get clients with both Breast and Cervical Cancer into care quickly. That can be a real challenge for clients who do not qualify for Medicaid and are low income.

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Care**

- The breast cancer team continues to have many referrals into the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC) program seeing 79 during this quarter. In addition another 83 were referred for MBCC services. Of those 4 were referred by our clinics, 71 were breast cancer, 11 were cervical and 1 was referred for a "non-qualifying cancer."

**Rural AIDS Services Program**

- The Rural AIDS Services Program served approximately 205 unduplicated clients during the last quarter.
- The San Marcos HIV Clinic served 25 unduplicated clients during the quarter.
- Two agency staff members rode in the recent Hill Country Ride for AIDS and raised over \$1,200 for the cause.

**Prescription Assistance Program**

- The program recently been working with CommuniCare (the San Marcos based federally qualified health center) and the clinic has been referring a lot of their uninsured patients to our program. The clinic is well known for their sliding scale fees available to uninsured patients; which works wonders for us, for referral purposes. Measuring the last incoming referrals 11 of the 23 came from CommuniCare.
- The CSBG grant year recently ended, and the Rx Assistance had surpassed its goal by 4%.

**Health services are provided for men and women in Hays, Caldwell, Blanco, Bastrop, Burnet and Williamson Counties. Please see the agency website at [www.communityaction.com](http://www.communityaction.com) for additional information. If you have any questions contact Carole Belver at [cbelver@communityaction.com](mailto:cbelver@communityaction.com).**