

Community Clinic - Contra Costa County Partnership An Ongoing Success

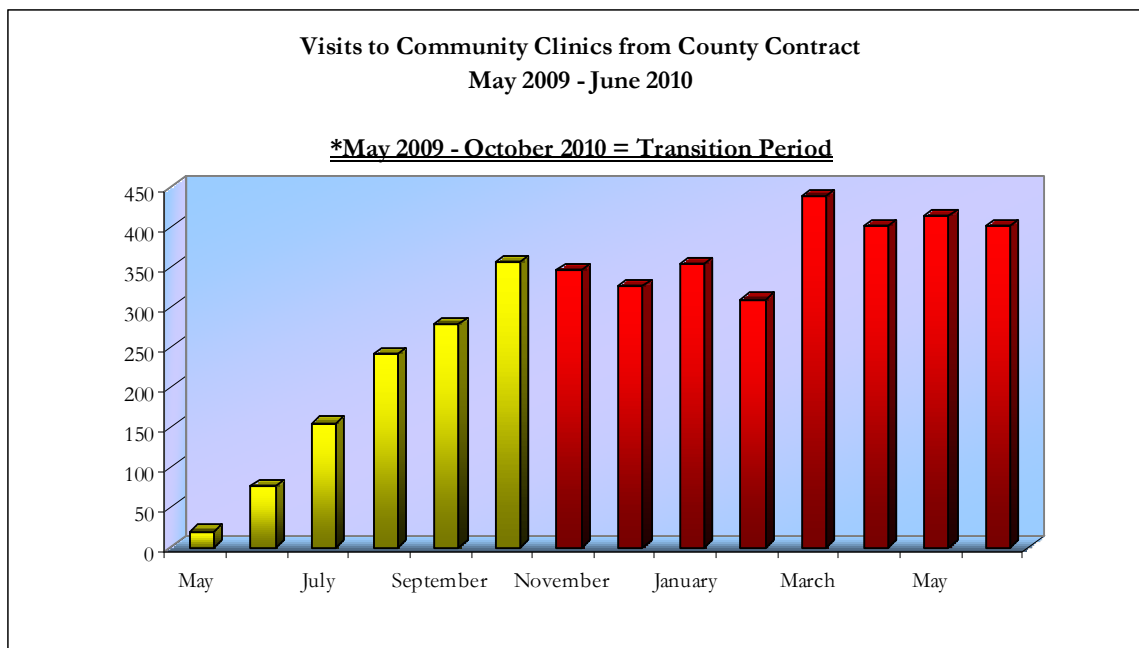
*Community Clinics Responsibly Leverage County Appropriation
to Ensure Healthcare Access for Undocumented Adults*

The Contract at a Glance:

- Protects public health by ensuring access to primary care for an estimated 5,500 residents
- Low-income undocumented adults are referred by County to community clinics for primary care
- Doctor visits at community clinics are free for these patients
- County reimburses community clinics \$100/visit (covers roughly 1/2 of clinic actual costs)
- Contract saves Contra Costa County \$6 million per year in direct costs
- **5,180 patients referred** to community clinics from May 1, 2009 through June 2010

Success to Date:

- **4,118 primary care visits** made to community clinics from May 1, 2009 through June 2010.
- A monthly average of **374 primary care visits** at community clinics since November 2009 through June 2010.
- A monthly average of **370 patients referred monthly**.
- Community clinics seeing average of **13** County-referred patients **per day**.





What about Planned Parenthood?

- Planned Parenthood receives patients referred by County per the contract (179 so far) but **instead of billing the County bills the state FPACT program**
- Planned Parenthood has **saved the County \$38,000** so far by billing State instead

What if these patients went to the ER instead of community clinics?

At average ER visit cost of \$600: The cost would be **\$7 million per year to hospitals in Contra Costa**, instead of \$1.5 million in one-time outlay

How sick are the patients referred by the County?

- Patients referred by County are sicker than average community clinic patients
- After the influx of County-referred patients, the diabetic population at one community clinic grew by more than 100% to 350 clients

What's missing?

Specialty Care. Here are Some Real Stories:

“Jose” presented to a community clinic with pain in his finger. Doctor suspected cancer - referred him for a biopsy to Operation Access. But access is limited at OA, and Jose has been on the waiting list for one month.

“Maria” got screened for tuberculosis - and the skin test came up positive. At this point, she needs a chest X-ray and a CT scan. So she pays full price for both (>\$700). Now she needs a consult with a pulmonologist. She can't afford it, so she's saving up. In the mean time, she goes without specialty care treatment.

