

Oklahoma Primary Care Association: Strengthening Oklahoma CHCs



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Who is the Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OPCA)?

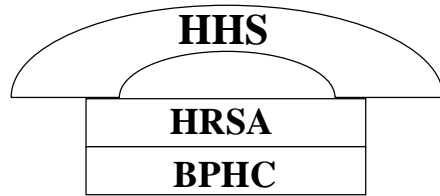
- Serves as Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) Liaison to OK CHCs
- Works with communities throughout the state to strengthen existing and develop new CHCs

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PCA Origins



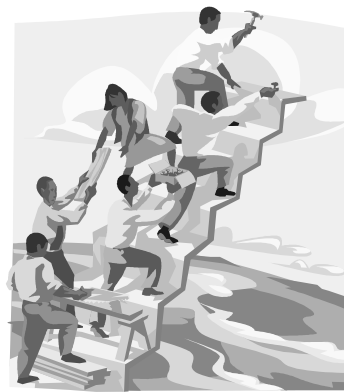
- Funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (formerly PHS)/Bureau of Primary Health Care (formerly BHCDA) beginning in early '70s
- Designed to provide a central resource to help community health centers (CHCs) with their work
- Designed to create a forum for regional and state presence

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PCAs are...

- Trade Associations that present a collective voice of CHCs working with other safety net providers for improved access to care
- Single entity of many organizations that share a common bond, working together to determine member services such as planning, needs assessment, provider recruitment and technical assistance



Teamwork!

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OPCA History

- Initially began as Oklahoma Community Health Centers, Inc. – incorporated in 1983
- Received HRSA/BPHC funding in 1993 – opened office in December
- OPCA has hybrid membership – CHCs, other safety net providers and health advocates
- Advocacy Highlights – NP Prescriptive Authority (1995), State Sales Tax Exemption (1996), State Appropriation (Ongoing)
- Funded for Outreach & Enrollment in 1998
- Funded for Community Development in 2001
- Funded for Workforce and Board Development in 2002

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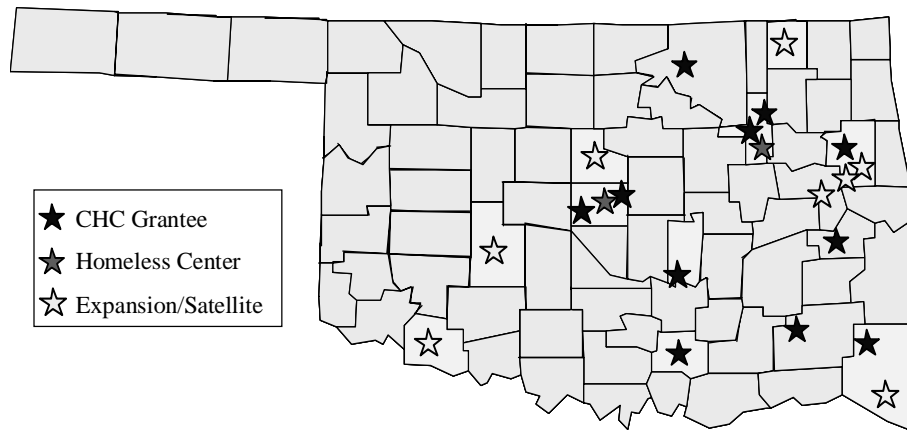
Section 330 Community Health Center (CHC) Core Tenets

- Serve areas of highest need
- Provide comprehensive primary, oral and behavioral health to people of all life cycles
- Must serve all people regardless of ability to pay
- The governing board must be comprised of at least 51% consumers
- Must meet performance & accountability requirements

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2005 Oklahoma CHC Presence

Over \$7.3 million in CHC funds to OK since the inception of President Bush's Initiative!



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10 Critical Elements for PCAs

2003 SSP Update

Elements critical to Managing CHC Growth and Quality consistent with the President's Initiative...

- Identification and Verification of Need
- Community Development
- Board Development
- Workforce Development
- Capital Financing (Facilities)
- Operating Systems
- Continuum of Care Linkages
- Leveraging Resources (Federal, State, Local and Private)
- Outreach To and Adaptation of Services for Special Pops
- Service Delivery Adaptations for Special Pops

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Three Work Areas for PCAs

March 12, 2003

The PCA workplan should demonstrate the overarching goal of assisting the BPHC to...

- Strengthen Existing Health Centers
- Manage the Growth of New and Expanded Health Centers, and
- Manage Quality Improvement

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Current/Future Focus

- Collaboration/partnership designed to sustain health care safety net during shrinking federal support
- Development of a seamless system of care
 - CHCs
 - Networks
 - Hospitals – teaching and private
 - Foundations
 - Corporations

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Mission Possible!



*Strengthening access to community-based
health care through advocacy, education
and technical assistance*

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