

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Thea Bowman Community Health Center's hours have been shifted to 10AM-6PM on Wednesdays.
- Any uninsured woman or a woman that has health insurance that excludes contraceptive coverage may receive an intrauterine device (IUD) at little or no cost if they schedule a visit with one of our family medicine residents at the Thea Bowman Community Health Center.

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Advantage Health Centers Awarded New Access Point

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Advantage Health Centers (AHC) received a New Access Point grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant will fund a new Health Center site in the Bell Building Health Center.

Currently the Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) provides 110 permanent housing units and related support services for the homeless from the Bell Building located at 882 Oakman Boulevard. In a unique partnership, the NSO will lease approximately 8,700 square feet of the building to AHC for a new Health Center site to provide medical, dental and behavioral services to both the residents of the building and the surrounding community.

"The New Access Point funding will not only enable us to deepen

our reach within the homeless community, but also introduce primary care services to an underserved area within the community," said Joe Ferguson, Executive Director, Advantage Health Centers. "We have the potential to provide affordable and accessible health care to an additional 65,000 residents within Wayne County."

The 8,700 square foot facility will provide primary care for all life cycles, screenings, well child services, perinatal and gynecological care, oral health care, case management, health education, outreach, behavioral health, substance abuse, health screenings and education services on site or through contractual agreements. In addition, referral services for diagnostic radiology, diagnostic laboratory, emergency medical



services, and other specialty services will be available. The Health Center anticipates providing limited services at the new site in mid August and the permanent site will open in Spring 2016.

AHC is one of 12 Michigan Health Centers to operate Health Care for the Homeless programs and currently serves about 6,000 homeless individuals throughout the region. Nationwide, 23 million patients are served through 1,300 Health Center sites located in over 9,000 communities.

Community Health Centers Federal Funding Extended—Health Center Spending Cliff Averted

After over 1500 letters collected, thousands of emails sent, and a countless number of calls made to federal congressmen and senators, the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act passed in April 2015. The law reserves \$7.2 billion in mandatory funding for the Health Centers Program, as well as continued funding for the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Centers for two years.

Without the passage of H.R. 2,

Health Center's would have faced a devastating reduction in funding as early as September 2015.

The passage of this legislation not only secures continued operation and funding for Health Centers at a national level, but it enables Health Centers to continue to serve residents with comprehensive, accessible, affordable and quality primary care services as well as expand to serve underserved communities.



President of AHC Board of Directors, Christine Cocroft-Spotts, gives community health centers' letters of support to Senator Peters' Staffer.

Children's Medical Center Moves to Waller Health Center



The Children's Health Center recently relocated to Waller Health Center from its previous offices on Alexandrine in May 2015. To make room for the clinic, the Waller Medical Records area was renovated to produce three exam rooms, a triage area and Dr. Doyle's office. The Children's Health Center also has its own waiting room and restroom facilities for patients. The area was designed to be appealing to children and painted in a bright array of colors. The patient population has tran-

sitioned nicely to the new location, and we look forward to being busy this fall as we conduct sports physicals and well child check in preparation for the upcoming school year. Finally, we are open for new patients!



Family Medicine Residency Projects

Our residency program matched all of our slots with our top 10 applicants for next year! We will have 20 residents treating patients by the end of the summer at the Thea Bowman Community Health Center. Here are what our residents have achieved and have been working on:

- Dr. Tran and Dr. Perez conducted a health fair at Lincoln King Academy

where they did blood pressure checks and weigh-ins.

- The residents will be executing sports physicals on June 27th at Hazel Park High School.
- Orientation for the new medical residents begins at the start of July. They will be undergoing basic/advanced life support

classes, neo-natal resuscitation courses, fetal assessment courses, and much more.

- Dr. Tran and Sapna Patel presented at the Michigan Research Day in Howell.
- Third year medical residents are beginning to interview at potential employers and taking their Board Exams.



Promotions and Welcome New Hires!

We would like to congratulate Precilla McCloud on her promotion to Lead MA at Advantage Family Health Center and Alma Myers for passing her Certified Medical Assistant Exam!

We would also like to welcome to the organization:

- Teresa Davis, Medical

Assistance Administration at TBCHC

- LaNequia Porter, Community Health Worker at TBCHC
- Francine Hardison, PCMH Certified Medical Assistant at TBCHC
- Jalena Henry, Medical Assistance Administration at AFHC

- Jamika Parks, Certified Medical Assistant at TBCHC.

- Carlotta Mann, Social Worker at TBCHC
- Alan Hester, Human Resources Assistant
- Shameekqua Tripplett, Data Entry Clerk for HIV Program at AFHC
- Carly Smith, LMSW Clinical Therapist



Advantage Health Centers Receives \$10,000 Grant from United Health Care

AHC has received a generous \$10,000 grant from United Health Care. These funds will help grow our Reading and Wellness Program as well as our IT Literacy Program.

Our Reading and Wellness Program is hosted at the Thea Bowman Community Health Center every month and focuses on boosting community literacy. We give away books to children, make arts and

crafts, and, of course, read a lot of books!

Our IT Literacy program will focus on making patients more tech savvy to help them navigate and access their healthcare needs electronically. As healthcare integrates more and more with technology, these services will become vital to our patients.



Pharmacy Students and Clinical Corner



A group of Wayne State University Pharmacy students were selected to participate in learning experiences at the Waller Health Center throughout the year. Their experiences will range from knowledge acquisition and hands-on learning to being viable contributors to the clinic throughout the year.

Clinical Corner

Seasonal Allergy Symptoms: 5 Ways to Prevent or Treat Them

- Clean out your nose with a salt water nose rinse.
- Try an over-the-counter allergy medicine.
- Consider a prescription nasal spray or eye drops.
- Decongestants may also help relieve nasal congestion.
- Close your windows and turn on the air conditioning.

Check out our Behavioral Health Services!

- Weight Loss Group
- Anxiety and Depression Group
- Substance Abuse Group
- Grief and Loss Group
- Diabetes Prevention at TBCHC by the National Kidney Foundation!

Advantage Health Centers Collaborates with Nurse Family Partnership



Advantage Health Centers' Certified Nurse Midwives have been collaborating with the Nurse Family Partnership program. They have been referring identified First-Time moms to this program to assist them with obstacles, short/long term goal planning, along with support during pregnancy by partnering them with a home visiting nurse who assists them until the child reaches the age of 2. Pictured to the left is our

Social Work Program Manager, Jamie Jackson, our Nurse Midwives from Advantage Family, Health Center, Dawn Teklinsky, and the nurses from the Nurse-Family Partnership program. Also, our Nurse Midwives: Angela, Dawn, and Carrie; are open for new patients for women's health issues. Thank you for all of your hard work everyone!

Advantage Health Centers Patient's Section

A Letter of gratitude from one our patients:

My name is Fred, and I am a patient at Advantage Family Health Center. I have had the great pleasure of working with Social Worker Roxanne McDuffie over the past few years with getting my insulin through the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Ms. McDuffie has shown the ability to establish an excellent rapport with many of her patients as noted

from the many thank you cards through-out her office.

Ms. McDuffie is genuinely interested in helping others and provides service in a consistently positive and helpful manner. She is self-assured and calmly handles the stress when working with patients.

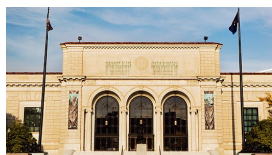
When she comes out into the lobby to get her next patient, about forty percent of the patients in the lobby smile and say hello to her.

She appears to be well organized,

and task oriented from the way her desk looks. She always has a nice scented candle on her desk and her entire office smells like cinnamon.

I am in tears as I close in this letter because it is rare to find an individual of her sweetness and she has been a god-send to me in regards to my health and staying on point with taking my insulin. God Bless Advantage Family Health Center.

Sincerely,
Fred



Fun, Free Events in Detroit this Summer

Detroit Museum Adventure

The Motor City has some of the best museums in America and many of us spent our childhoods wandering through them. Now cash-strapped Detroiters get to do the same for free, thanks to the Museum Adventure Pass. While it's not always available, the program allows residents to check out a pass from their library that gets them into many participating cultural attractions for free.

Detroit Science Center

Granted free admission is limited to first weekend of the month for Bank of America cardholders, but it's still a freebie. The center encompasses 110,000 square feet and includes multiple exhibit laboratories as well as learning environments. Located in the heart of Detroit's Cultural Center, the DSC is a family venue that both entertains and educates.



Detroit International Jazz Festival

Motown ain't just about Motown these days. Jazz has moved front and center, with the Detroit International Jazz Festival, held each Labor day, serving as the largest free jazz festival in North America

Detroit River Walk

Saunter, skate, bike or blade your way down the 3.5-mile River Walk, with the Detroit River on one side and a greenway on the other. It's a great way to check out the skylines of both Detroit and Windsor, Ontario. You can access the River Walk from the GM Renaissance Center in the heart of downtown.



Patient Success Story and Testimonial

Kenneth had been denied health coverage for months until he came to the Thea Bowman Community Health Center to sign up for the Healthy Michigan Plan. "The process went extremely well. There was a great attention to detail and it was very informative." Kenneth was able to enroll in a health plan and now receives regular health coverage at Advantage Health Centers.



Alice has been coming to Advantage Health Centers for a couple of years and has expressed great satisfaction with our services "Everything looks professional; it's so clean and refreshing. I really appreciate the friendly services from the staff as well. Everyone always has a smile on their face and a great attitude. I love it here. I will continue to come here for my health needs and I will tell others about this great facility."



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Detroit Health Care for the Homeless DBA Advantage Health Centers (AHC) is a not – for – profit (501c3) organization operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Since 1986, AHC has operated with the Section 330(h) designation as a Health Care for the Homeless project. It is the second oldest such homeless health care center in the nation. In 2003, AHC added the additional status as a community health center. We provide comprehensive medical care to the insured and under-insured in the Metro Detroit community, but specialize in serving the vulnerable and underserved populations including the homeless. We provide internal medicine, family medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, dental services, behavior health, laboratory, outreach, and social work services. We have six practice locations: the Waller Health Center, Waller Dental, the Children's Health Center, the Children's Dental Center, Advantage Family Health Center, and the Thea Bowman Community Health Center. We are always accepting new patients at all of our locations.

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Congratulations!!!

Employees that had children:

- Zelena Hammond
- Dr. Joseph Giannola:
Joanna Grace



Announcements

Winner of the AHC's Biggest Loser Competition: Priscilla McCloud (she lost 18lbs 4oz!)



Birthdays

June

- Neethu Matthew
- Tiawona Cage
- Marniece Myers
- Anivea Adams
- Jamika Parks

July

- Mary Maurant
- Joseph Ferguson
- Lauren Carroll
- Stephen Warnick
- Kim McKalpain
- Latasha Campbell
- Lawana Batiste

August

- LaDawn Durant
- Tasha Scott
- Entilina Williams
- LaKreese Johnson
- Kimberly Thompson
- Mister Thorpe
- Angelina Carpenter
- Cyona Crawford
- Dr. Smith
- Jalena Henry



Staff Anniversary List:

2014 Calendar Year

5 Year Anniversary:

- Angela Allen: September 14, 2014
- Belinda Baptiste: September 14, 2014
- Wonner Lawson: February 2, 2014
- Yolanda McCloud: October 26, 2014
- Dr. Alex Pickens: June 2, 2014
- Sarita Strolger: July 27, 2014
- Luceenia Veasley: March 9, 2014
- Deondrea Williams: April 27, 2014

2015 Calendar Year

5 Year Anniversary:

- Tiawona Cage: March 22, 2015
- Lisa Edwards: May 3, 2015
- Latoya Floyd: July 26, 2015
- Alma Myers: November 1, 2015
- Helen Prude: November 1, 2015

10 Year Anniversary:

- Dr. Janice Caie-Lawrence: August 23, 2015
- Mister Thorpe: July 11, 2015