

Colorado Rural Health Care G R A N T P R O G R A M

FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

Name of organization reporting: The Pediatric Associates

Dates covered by this grant: from 8/1/08 - 8/31/09

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Amount of Grant: \$32,493.00

Purpose of Grant: Purchase of durable medical equipment, remodel, add computer room

I. NARRATIVE

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A. Results/Outcomes

The goal and objectives which were identified for this grant have been accomplished. The remodel and purchases of durable medical equipment have been completed.

Our offices have benefited from the modest upgrades we were able to do with the grant monies received. Enhanced efficiency through the improved use of available space has contributed to a better flow work flow. The new flooring eliminated trip hazards and added a fresh component to the surroundings. Our patients and families have commented about the cheerful atmosphere and more family-friendly surroundings, particularly in the Delta office.

The acquisition of efficient medical equipment has contributed to staff proficiency in moving patients through the office in a timelier manner. Quality control, particularly for vaccine storage, is no longer a concern due to the purchase of a reliable refrigerator. The addition of a dedicated computer room has served to house the equipment in a safe, controlled atmosphere. Security for our data systems has been increased. Protection for data and equipment was accomplished through this improvement.

We have had positive response from the community regarding the “facelift” of the office. A “Know Your Neighbor” article with a corresponding invitation to the community to visit our offices has generated an increased awareness about the services offered by The Pediatric Associates. We feel in a better position within the community to welcome families to a Medical Home atmosphere.

Renewed collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and community organizations (Chamber of Commerce- Montrose and Delta) are serving to provide a stronger healthcare base in the area. Partnership with the Center for Mental Health was initiated to serve the behavioral healthcare issues of our patients. This initiative has yielded expanded services for patients and families.

B. Photographs and Testimonials

Please see attached photos.

We have evaluated our project impact on the community through the positive affirmation of our patients and families. The staff have also benefited from upgrades. The receptionist at the Delta office notes” I now have room to check patients in, file papers, answer the phone and actually be able to maneuver the chair around because now there is enough space in the area. I am able to see patients and families right when they enter the building. Check-in and check-out are much more efficient for the patients *and* me.”

C. Future Plans

The Pediatric Associates client base continues to grow. Every day new patients are seen and the acquisition of our seventh provider, through CRHC program, is an asset to the community. As new patients join our Medical Home, we foresee that services to the community will continue to expand and develop. This process of growth is anticipated to sustain the investments made thus far.

The Pediatric Associates has obtained Medical Home designation. This effort has assisted us in providing a very consistent approach to healthcare on every level. Furthermore, it enables us to continue to provide exceptional care for the large population of underserved children.

The administration of The Pediatric Associates understands their responsibility in the community and operates as sincere stewards of financial opportunities which have been extended to them. Accordingly, service to underprivileged and vulnerable children is a priority. Providing quality healthcare to our rural population is an ongoing effort.

II. Financials

There were expenditures of \$6,000.00 in excess of the budget allocated to the remodel of the Delta office. The excess was funded from the practice.

Durable medical equipment was within the stated budget of \$14,937. The slight excess was funded from the practice.

The total amount spent on this project was \$38,650.00.