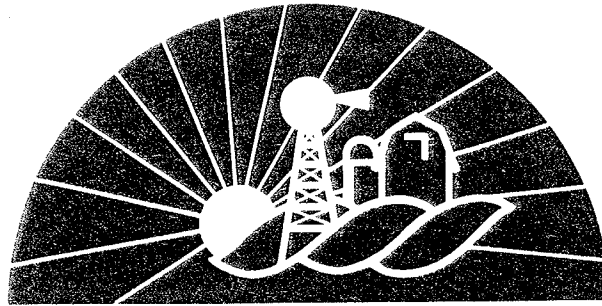


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Member News

■ **Mike Sullivan**, executive director of Merced Family Health Centers, Inc., Merced, Calif., recently testified in a hearing sponsored by the U.S. House Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Human Resources.

Chaired by Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the Modesto, Calif.-hearing was entitled "Health Care Crisis: Problems of Cost and Access." Reps. Gary Condit, D-Calif., and Mike Espey, D-Miss., also attended the hearing.

Sullivan's testimony focused on the importance of a national health plan ensuring equal access to all segments of the U.S. population; that a national health plan must include the special health care needs of rural America; and the availability of more federal grant monies to fill the gaps in care needed by the nation's growing underserved and uninsured population.

New Members

New Student Members: Ruth Archibald, M.D., Tacoma, Wash.; Maria D. Castro, M.D., Toledo, Ohio; Steven M. Griswold, Providence, R.I.; Fran Mallory, Blair, Neb.; Shannon Stafford, Hettinger, N.D.

New Individual Members: David A. Acosta, M.D., Tacoma, Wash.; Paulette Amundson, Fargo, N.D.;