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Dr. Sandoval Named Director of Merced/Stanislaus Health Centers

Dr. Salvador Sandoval has been named Medical Director of the Merced/Stanislaus Family Health Centers Inc. according to Executive Director, Michael Sullivan. The Family Health Centers are located in Merced, Los Banos, Patterson, and by the end of the year, Modesto. They provide comprehensive health services including physician care, general dentistry, and nutrition evaluation and counseling. The clinics are open to all residents of Merced and Stanislaus counties, and especially to migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Dr. Sandoval, who is board-certified in family practice, has been in private practice in Merced since 1978. Born in Sacramento, Dr. Sandoval received his BA and MD degrees from the University of California at San Diego. He was a Regents Scholar from 1967 to 1971. He interned at the USC/Los Angeles County Hospital and completed his Family Practice residency in 1978 at Merced Community Medical Center.

Dr. Sandoval, who will guide and direct the Medical Division of the Family Health Centers starting July 21, has a special interest in the health of farmworkers. As a medical student he worked summers at the Migrant Clinic in Yuba City, and did his thesis at that time comparing cardiovascular disease risk factors in male farmworkers and the Framingham study.

He has provided consultation to the Medi-Corps program and has a special interest in the area of pesticide symptoms, protection, and prevention.

Sullivan said the "Health Centers are lucky to have someone with the background and qualifications like Dr. Sandoval. But most important is that Sal has a real concern to better the health conditions of all members in our community."

Dr. Sandoval lives in Merced with his wife Gloria and their three daughters Margarita, Cristina, and Teresa.