

Welcome to issue #24 (September 20, 2012) of the *Pulse*, Family HealthCare Network's weekly employee newsletter.

***Foster Honored at National Conference**

The National Association of Community Health Center (NACHC) presented Harry Foster, President and CEO with the Cornell Scott Excellence in Leadership Award. The award which recognizes excellence, dedication and leadership in health care, was presented to Mr. Foster during a standing ovation at the 43rd annual NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) in Orlando, FL, a national conference attended by nearly 2,000 community health leaders from across the country. Anita Monoian, Immediate Past Chair of NACHC stated, "Harry has been one of the driving forces in the health care revolution. For over three decades, he has worked to create models of health care delivery that can better meet needs and improve the quality of life in medically underserved communities. Most of us know Harry as the President and CEO of Family HealthCare Network in Visalia, California. It proudly stands as one of the model health centers in the nation. Harry's success has added immeasurably to the health center movement. He has changed attitudes about primary care and migrant health." Mr. Foster is one of only two individuals to receive this prestigious award.

***Lee Named Employee of the Month**

Gordon Lee, PA-C in Porterville, has been named Employee of the Month for the month of September. Gordon was selected because of his passion for providing excellent patient care and his dedication to his patients and mission. Gordon has been described as one of the first individuals to identify problems and provide solutions in the health center environment whether related to patient care or improving work flows. Gordon exemplifies team work and professionalism.

***New Community HealthCorps Begin Year of Service**

Twelve new Community HealthCorps members have joined Family HealthCare Network for their year of service. Community HealthCorps members (through AmeriCorps) perform a variety of activities associated with health service and programs for patients and community. The twelve members will be located throughout our Network. Please welcome our newest members, Alejandra Gonzalez, Liesbeth Schmitz, Veronica Serrano, Yesenia Aguirre, Maribel Zavala, Michelle Barajas, Mckena Gregory, Beatriz Martinez, Alberto Charles, Guadalupe Herta, Ricardo Martinez, and Refugio Meza.

***Don't Delay-Get Vaccinated!**

Flu Season is rapidly approaching and it is time to protect yourself, your family and your patients by getting a flu shot this month. You can get your flu shot at your work site and it is free to all employees! Our goal is to reach at least 80% of all employees to be vaccinated. Employees who receive a flu shot before October 15 will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$50 gift cards!

Each health center that achieves or exceeds an 80% immunization rate will be recognized with a pizza party!

***"Flu Clinic" offered at Corporate this Friday**

FHCN will offer a flu clinic for all Corporate Office employees on Friday, September 21 from 8 am to 10 am in classroom 3. If you do not wish to have a flu shot, please complete and sign a Declination of Influenza Vaccine form and drop it off in Classroom 3 tomorrow morning.

***National Voter Registration Day is September 25th**

National Voter Registration Day is in exactly one week. On September 25th, Community Health Representatives will be setting up tables at health centers and available to help individuals with registration forms. According to the Secretary of State's website, 6 million Californians are eligible but not registered to vote. Voter registration cards are available at all sites and Community Health Representatives are available to assist. Remember it is not too late to register to vote!

***Save the Date-New Goshen Site Grand Opening Set**

A grand opening date has been set for the new Goshen location on October 26th at 3:30 pm. The new Goshen site is an 11,000-square-foot health center, which is modeled after the new Woodlake site. More details about the event will be shared with staff as the date nears.