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Making headlines

Chief Exec letter to the community

TED ZIEGLER CHC Chief Executive Officer

AKRON, OH-What makes something worthwhile? This is something we ask ourselves everytime we embark upon a new project at the Community Health Center. From grant writing to program implementation of a new service, we always need to ensure we en-



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hance the quality of care for our patients, provide an effective and worthwhile service in the community and continue to be on the cutting edge of service delivery in our area.

Likewise, you can also ask the question:

What makes something newsworthy? Of course I believe all of our milestones are deserving of media coverage, but that is not always the case. Therefore, inside the pages of the 2005 Annual Report you will see the newsmaking reports and stories of the last year showcasing our programming in and around Summit County.

Even after 32 years of service, the Community Health Center continues to be one of the best kept secrets in our area. I hope after reading this report you will agree that our innovative treatment modules and creative programming truly deserve to make

Statement of Purpose

The CHC is a private, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation. Our purpose is to provide a comprehensive array of health care treatment, prevention and housing services for addictive and compulsive behaviors and disorders.

We have been serving Northeast Ohio since 1974.

WE BELIEVE ...

· Chemical dependency is a progressive, fatal illness that is highly treatable.

 We have a responsibility to provide basic treatment services to all of those in need, regardless of

the ability to pay. Several ment strategies may be necessary for recovery. We offer individual, family and counseling. group primary health care, medical detoxification, residential treat-

ment and educational seminars. ■ Total well-being is a key factor to successful recovery. Therefore, we strive to provide quality medical treatment, vocational assistance, housing, case management and childcare ser-

MISSION STATEMENT

The Community Health Center is committed to enhancing the quality of life. We are a leader in providing effective services for compulsive and addictive disorders, health care, life skills development, prevention, housing, wellness and rehabilitation.



Red shirts for recovery!

A group of patients from the Community Health Center participate in the last Rally for Recovery at the Statehouse in Columbus.

Holistic Care - Mind & body CHC treatment services

modality that is appropriate for all patients; thus, treatment plans are designed to address issues of concern while affirming the patients' strengths.

DIAGNOSTICS The Diagnostic Department provides comprehensive chemical dependency assessments through the use of a wide variety of substance abuse screening inventories including verbal testing, physical exams and urinalysis for adults and adolescents. This comprehensive diagnosis serves as the basis for their treatment plan while with the CHC. Last year, over 1,500 patients went through the Diagnostic Department.

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM CHC's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) provides a therapeutic multi-disciplinary program designed to promote the recovery process through group and individual counseling, case management, vocational development, community support groups and reintegration programming. The program consists of three levels and takes approximately five months to complete. IOP helps patients learn how to more fully integrate recovery into their day-to-day lifestyle.

INTENSIVE CRACK/COCAINE OUTPATIENT PRO-GRAM Patients entering this program participate in an ingassistance services may also be provided to aid in recovery. intensive treatment regimen during the first several weeks. Intensive group and individual therapy is followed by a less

AKRON, OH-We recognize that there is no single treatment intensive outpatient program that continues throughout a four and one half month period.

The complete recovery program includes intensive outpatient treatment with an individualized plan designed specifically to address the unique treatment needs of those addicted to cocaine, followed with participation in select community

DAY-TOX INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAM Day-Tox is another intensive outpatient program offered at the Community Health Center. This is a four-week, structured day program which provides intensive counseling, educational programming, stress management, crisis intervention and coordinated services. While many patients successfully complete this program, others will go on to enter residential treatment.

In 2005, over 250 individuals received treatment in our IOP and Day-Tox Programs.

ADULT COUNSELING Patients in the Adult Counseling Program typically participate in weekly individual counseling and are referred to a wide array of chemical dependency and specialty groups. These groups provide education, peer support and accountability which have been proven to aid patients in the recovery process. Vocational, medical and hous-

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Conference motivates change HCV & HIV:

Empowering a Population

On March 18, 2005 in Columbus, the Community Health Center, Gate House of Summit County and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) hosted a day of support, education and em-

powerment for two issues that have deadly effects on our patient population-Hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV, Over 100 health care professionals from 48 agencies in Ohio came together to learn more about treat-

ment options for patients with HCV Presenters Dr. Alain Litwin and

Irene Soloway from the HUB1 Clinic at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York, discussed their successful model for Hepatitis C treatment and education programs at their own methadone clinic.

Joining them were two peer educators, Frank Medina and Leonard Gill, who are HCV positive patients at the HUB1 Clinic and run successful peer education groups in their communities. Their model for HCV treatment includes empowering their patient population with education, registering them to vote and having them sign petitions to promote change at the state level for HCV treatment.

Sharing ideas about the best ways to treat patients.

Bill Tiedemann, Program Director at the City of Cleveland Department of Public Health, and Julie Patterson, Community Capacity Building Manager with the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland, presented on prevention strategies and new treatment options of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

This conference educated health care professionals about treatment options and innovative support group possibilities that have been tested and proven to work. Most importantly, however, was the opportunity for colleagues in the health care field to meet each other, network and share ideas about the best ways to treat our pa-

Outpatient medical services

MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREAMENT FOR OPIATE ADDICTION The Medication Assisted Treatment for Opiate Addiction (MAT), is one of only nine regional methadone clinics in Ohio and offers methadone maintenance and detoxification treatment for opiate addiction. Methadone, the most widely used and studied treatment for opiate addiction, has been identified as the single most effective treatment for opiate addicts. Methadone maintenance is a daily routine for many patients at the Community Health

For that reason, we are open 365 days a year. Last year alone, our Medication Assisted Treatment Depart-



702 E. Market Street is home to the Family Practice, Laser Treatment Services and Adolescent Treatment Program.

ment saw 550 patients and administered over 130,000 medically assisted

FAMILY PRACTICE The Community Health Center Family Practice fulfills the need for primary health care in our patient population. Services range from general health care for all ages to laser treatment services for tattoo,

birthmark and other pigmented lesion removal to wrinkle and hair reduction.

In 2005 our Laboratory Services were inspected twice by JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) and the Ohio Department of Health, Both inspections were passed with exceptional reviews.

Today's Outlook

Positive and bright for the immediate future! Look for details in this edition.

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Letter to the Editor

CHC patient: Treatment really works'

As a counselor in the Women's Recovery Program, I want to take this opportunity to let you know of the good fortune of someone in our program.

One of my patients is a recovering heroin ad-Community Health Center for two years. She has ing heroin addict. Together they have presented — to act as an inspiration to recovering addicts. drug educational programs to their community in Ashland, Ohio, which have helped increase public

After a lengthy process, she and her fiancé have been selected for ownership of a Habitat for Humanity home. They were one of two couples chosen from 100 applicants. The fact that they are

successful in their recovery from substance abuse was a major factor in their having been selected. Each of them are to contribute 300 "sweat hours" towards the building of their home, and/or towards other work assigned by Habitat for Humanity. The house they build will provide a home for her two young children, and she and her fiancé are very much looking forward to having a long-term stable environment in which to raise a family.

I feel it is important to let you know of this joyous event for my patient's family, due to the hard dict who has been on the methadone program at work both she and her fiancé have put into their recovery from heroin use. Their accomplishment done exceptionally well with her recovery with has the potential not only to impact community the support of her fiancé, who is also a recover- awareness of substance abuse treatment, but also

> As her counselor, I am very proud as well as happy to see such positive results from her efforts at Community Health Center.

> > Karen Wallis, PC, CDCA Women's Recovery Program



Chief officers plan for the future

From left: Jan Wagner, Chief Operating Officer; Pam Crislip, Chief Financial Officer; and Ted Ziegler, Chief

Tobacco prevention top priority in 2005

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODA-DAS) awarded the Community Health Center \$23,000 to run a two-year pilot

program in the state of Ohio to determine how to properties and parking lots. Helping our patients best deliver tobacco cessation services to patients in recovery programs.

This program was initiated by the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation (TUPCF) in response to several studies reporting individuals with a mental illness and/or chemical dependency issues have higher rates of tobacco use.

TUPCF's goal is to ascertain what methods are most successful in reducing tobacco consumption among patients of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and ODADAS. The Community Health Center continues to set standards in the treatment arena throughout the state, and this latest grant award is evidence of that fact.

The CHC has been offering smoking cessation classes to patients and staff for nearly two years and maintains a smoke-free policy on all corporate

become tobacco free is another part of our commitment to quality health care.

Individuals with mental illness and AOD disorders have higher rates of chronic health problems and premature death compared to general population due to longterm tobacco use.

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CHC affirms patients' strengths with treatment services

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WOMEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM strives to remove barriers for women who are struggling with an alcohol or chemical dependency addiction. These barriers are removed through childcare assistance, peer support groups, parenting education and transportation assistance.

In 2005, 160 women were admitted into the Women's Recovery Program. Other special programs and therapeutic groups were offered to provide additional services to over 150 more addicted women through our Intensive Outpatient Program.

We are healthy only to the extent that our ideas are humane. -Kurt Vonnegut Jr

In total, 185 families and 215 children were assisted through the ODA-DAS supported Women's Recovery

Due to the effort of the Women's Re-

stabilized, and child/mother relationships are improved.

covery Program, more women are able to receive treatment, more families are



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Proceeds support the adult treatment programs at the CHC.





Outreach

Reaching a Population in Need

Community Pride

The Community Pride Program is a partnership of county and local agencies working together to improve the lives of families who live in public housing. The Community Health Center in partnership with the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA) and Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) have worked together to establish an after-school arts based prevention and intervention program conducted at the Joy Park Community

Center in Akron. The goals of Community Pride are to provide children and adolescents with structured after-school activities conducive to promoting self-esteem, to use the family as a center of positive influences on the children and to prevent substance abuse among the youth of the public housing facility.

Joy Dance is one of the after school programs focusing on using the arts for prevention and intervention. Joy Dance has served over 425 at-risk youth since 1997.

In addition to providing art and dance instruction for children and adolescents, other activities include mentoring, tutoring, peer mediation and non-violent conflict resolution training, life and social skills training for youth and parents, substance abuse education and prevention, and

case management The most recent Joy Dance evaluation is available on the CHC web site.

EAP & Drug Free Workplace Program

An employee who abuses alcohol and drugs can cost their employer \$14,000 annually. In 2005, our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) served 119 businesses in the Northeast Ohio Area.

In addition to our general EAP services, our Drug Free Workplace Program (DFWP) trained over 700 area employees regarding the drug-free standards for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and other area companies. Our DFWP has given companies the ability to develop policies and procedures to decrease workplace accidents and workers' compensation claims.

Gate House Gate House is a joint effort between the Community Health Center and Violet's Cupboard (a local AIDS service organization) to fill the gaps in treatment and support for minority persons with or at-risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. The Gate House Program served 173 patients and 217 family members in 2005.

Gate House had a 100% follow-up rate on their patients served, compared to a 72.7% national average. They also were successful in their Rapid HIV Testing program, testing over 200 individuals in 2005.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow is a free home-visitation program that supports families of children from birth to age three. The goal of Help Me Grow is simply to strengthen the child's development and give them the best chance possible to achieve success. In 2005 the Help Me Grow staff, funded by Summit County Family and Children First Council, was involved with over 185

A trained service coordinator is provided to help families access the community network of services and assistance they need. Help Me Grow also provides the resources and support to develop the skills, time and energy required for positive parenting.

Project FOCUS

Project FOCUS (For Our Children Utilizing Support) is a joint program of the Children's Support Enforcement Agency, a Division of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, and the Community Health Center and is funded by the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services. This program helps non-custodial parents who are under community control for non-support find employment and meet their court order and moral financial obligation. In 2005 Project FOCUS served 49 clients helping them pay thousands of dollars in support for their children that would

Project PANDA

otherwise be missed.

PANDA (Prevent and Neutralize Drugs and Alcohol) is an education/preven tion program designed for middle school students. This program is supported locally by the Summit County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Mental Health Services Board and the Community Health Center Foundation.

The goal of PANDA is to begin to educate young people, not only about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, but also about peer pressure, decisionmaking and self-esteem. This goal is accomplished during a Friday through Sunday educational camp experience. In 2005, 340 adolescents representing 22 area schools in six counties participated in the 3-day weekend PANDA prevention camps. Since 1995, over 4,000 adolescents have participated in Project PANDA. PANDA students run their own web site at:

Project THRIVE

The Community Health Center is the administrator of a community-wide initiative known as Project THRIVE (Truancy Habits Reduced, Interventions Via Education). THRIVE strives to reduce truancy problems among school-age children. Through mediation with families and school involvement, this program has proven results.

In 2005, school systems in Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls and Woodridge participated in Project THRIVE. During the 2005–06 school year, 115 families successfully completed the mediation process and 96 became active participants in Project THRIVE benefiting from family supportive case management services. Fifty-seven percent of the students stabilized and improved their attendance following admission into the program and subsequently realized improved school performance

Additionally, the Summit County Quality of Life, Partnership for Success endorsed Project THRIVE as one of two programs in Summit County as neeting the county goals for educatng our children

Based on the positive outcomes and evidence-based approach to addressing truancy, Project THRIVE was chosen as presenters for the Ohio Prevention Education Conference in Columbus, Ohio in November 2005. The most recent Project THRIVE evaluation is available on the CHC web site.

Representative Payee Program

In 2005 the Representative Payee Program assisted over 60 individuals in Summit and Wayne Counties. Most of our representative payee clients are senior citizens who are affected by dementia or Alzheimer's and are referred by the Summit County Department of Jobs and Family Services Adult Protective Services Unit and the Area Agency on Aging in Wayne and Summit Counties.

Representative Payee recipients are able to retain their independence and maintain housing. This service also reduces the need for emergency hospital care as those involved have a case management service that insures they have food and medicine







Look for KidSpace, a new quality childcare program,

conveniently located in Akron. New classes are forming

for infants to school-aged children. Call 330.253.KIDS (5437)

for more information or visit www.chckidspace.com on the web.



Community Health Center Foundation: Believing in tomorrow

The Community Health Center Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 to support the activities and goals of the Community Health Center.

The Foundation promotes the Community Health Center through public fundraising events, grant activities and housing projects. The fundraisers are an effective outlet to spread community awareness about our programs and services as well as providing proceeds to enhance many of CHC's substance abuse treatment programs.

In 2005 the Community Health Center Foundation began fundraising for a much needed program in our

community. Horizon House, designed for homeless young adults ages 18-22, became a goal for our Board of Trustees and corporate donors. Throughout the year over \$50,000 was pledged by eight area corporations to bring Horizon House into reality. Opened in July 2005, Horizon House is located at four scattered sites around Summit County and is home to 10 young adults. Learn more about Horizon House in our Housing Supplemental.With the help of many volunteers and board member support, the Foundation holds three public fundraiser annually and provides fun, quality events for fami-

KidSpace We're making "space" in 2007!

FORECAST **▼** he outlook for our future is bright. cation to the health and well being of the We continue to broaden our scope individuals we serve. of services and reach more patients We also believe in doing our best to help every year. In 2006 and beyond watch for the Community Health Center to develour patients further their lives by obop and implement new patient treatment taining a GED or high school diploma, learning a trade and seeking sustainmodules that will help our patients reach full recovery. Our mission mandates us able employment that will enable them to maximize our time and resources to to become contributing members of help those in need, regardless of ability to our community. We hope to empower pay. In 2005 we provided over **\$916,000** our patients to move beyond their daily in charitable care to our patients without problems and begin to mold a sustaincompensation from any governmental able future upon which their recovery body. This number highlights our dedican be built.



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Michael T.

CHC & CHCF VIP

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Under the leadership of the Community Health Center Board of Directors and the Foundation Board of Trustees, our administration departments manage the details that streamline our programs and make it possible for our patients to participate in the wide array of programming available at the CHC.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY The Department of Information Technology is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 253 computing devices, many of which run 24/7 at four CHC locations. In 2005, our IT Department made 1,108,140 hours of computing time possible. In addition, they maintained and updated our public website and our intranet system, making the idea of a "paperless office" more of a reality. The IT Department also designed a new Community Health Center Foundation interactive web site that makes it possible for secure online donations.

MEDICAL INFORMATION SERVICES

During 2005, CHC admitted 2,457 new patients while 2,151 clients were discharged. The clerical staff transcribed 14,571 reports and typed 182,000 lines of data. There were 2,500 individual records sent to underground long-term storage. The Medical Records staff also received and filed on average 1,000 clinical documents per day.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC

RELATIONS In 2005, Communications and PR was responsible for over 50 events/presentations. These included anything from press conferences and ground breakings to round-table discussions about drugs and alcohol with adolescents. There were three publications of the Straight News, each with a distribution of 5,000 copies. In addition, four new CHC program brochures were published and over 500 Press Kits were prepared for distribution.



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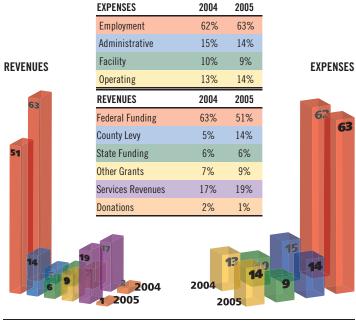




2005 IN NUMBERS

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CLIENT DATA	2004	2005
CHC Patients	8,161	8,317
ETHNIC GROUPS		
White	60%	60%
Black	37%	35%
Other Minority	3%	5%
AGE		
0–9 yrs.	5%	4%
10–19 yrs.	36%	34%
20–29 yrs.	17%	20%
30–39 yrs.	16%	16%
40-49 yrs.	17%	17%
50-59 yrs.	6%	6%
60–69 yrs.	1%	1%
70–79 yrs.	<1%	<1%
80+ yrs.	<1%	<1%
GENDER		
Female	48%	44%
Male	52%	56%
REVENUES 2004 \$10,452,369 2005 \$10,064,066		مسر

CLIENT DATA	2004	2005
REFERRAL SOURCES		
Self	34%	36%
Alcohol/Other Provider	16%	7%
Other Health Care	2%	3%
School	<1%	1%
Employer	1%	1%
County Human Services	8%	10%
Community	1%	3%
Court/Criminal Justice	37%	39%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
\$0-5000	50%	57%
\$5,000-10,000	21%	17%
\$10,001-15,000	10%	10%
\$15,001-20,000	7%	6%
\$20,001-25,000	3%	3%
\$25,001-30,000	2%	2%
\$30,001-35,000	1%	1%
\$35,001-40,000	1%	1%
\$40,001-45,000	1%	1%
\$45,001-50,000	1%	1%
\$50,001 +	2%	1%



Accreditations and Certifications

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we embrace on a daily basis. importantly, accreditation demonstrates that improving patient care is our ongoing commitment. It means that the quality of the health care we deliver is our top priority

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Clinical Laboratory Impro Amendments, CLIA

City of Akron Health Department Ohio EPA Certification Ohio Department of Human Service The Community Health Center

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Akron Health Department

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Area Agency on Aging 10B

Community Health Center

Summit County Mental

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The Community Health Center accepts most insurance plans including: Medicare/Medicaid

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