

Community Health Centers in Georgia

A General Overview

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All things
are not as
they
appear







Association Assistance

- Promote Expansion
 - Formation and Organizational Support
- Technical Assistance
 - Recruitment
 - Training and Education
 - Quality Improvement
 - Coding and Billing
 - Health Information Technology (HIT)
 - Patient Centered Medical Home



Community Health Centers Mission

- Reduce Barriers to Care
 - Extensive array of free-standing locations
 - School-based clinics
 - Mobile units
 - Sliding fee payment scale



Community Health Centers Mission

- Improve Quality of Care
 - Primary Care
 - Behavioral Health
 - Women's Health
 - Dentistry
 - Vision
 - Pharmacy
 - Establish Medical Home

Five Core Requirements for Community Health Centers



- Governance by a community board with a patient majority of 51%
- Location in a federally designated medically underserved area
- Must have 501(c)3 non-profit status
- Provide comprehensive preventive and primary health care services, referrals and other services needed to facilitate access to care, such as case management, translation and transportation
- Provide services to all in their service area, regardless of ability to pay, and offer a sliding fee schedule that adjusts out-of-pocket charges for care according to family income.

Georgia Health Centers Today



- 34 Community Health Centers
 - With **225** clinic sites
 - In **120** counties
- In 2017 Georgia Community Health Centers served nearly 500,000 patients
- From 2004 to 2016 Georgia Community Health Centers increased patients served by 100%

Georgia Health Centers Patients



- Over 115,000 Children
- More than 256,000 at or below 100% of Poverty
- Over 186,000 Uninsured Patients
- Nearly 75% Community Health Centers below National average for cost/patient

Georgia Health Centers Services



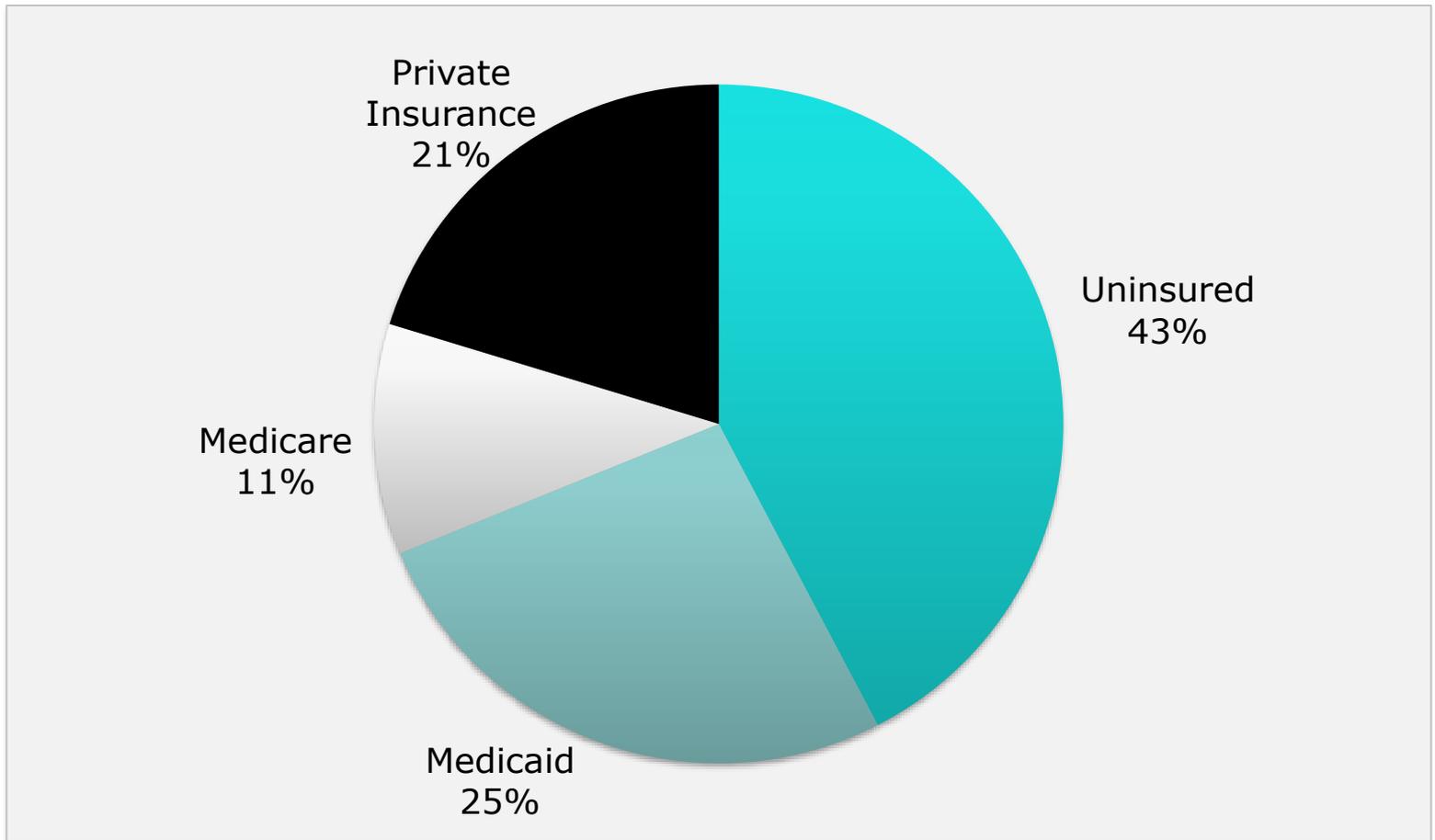
- 92.34% patients received Medical services
- Continued increase of additional services
 - Over 53,000 received Dental services
 - Over 12,000 received Behavioral Health services
 - More than 7,000 received Vision services
 - Nearly 30,000 received Enabling services

Georgia Health Centers Tomorrow

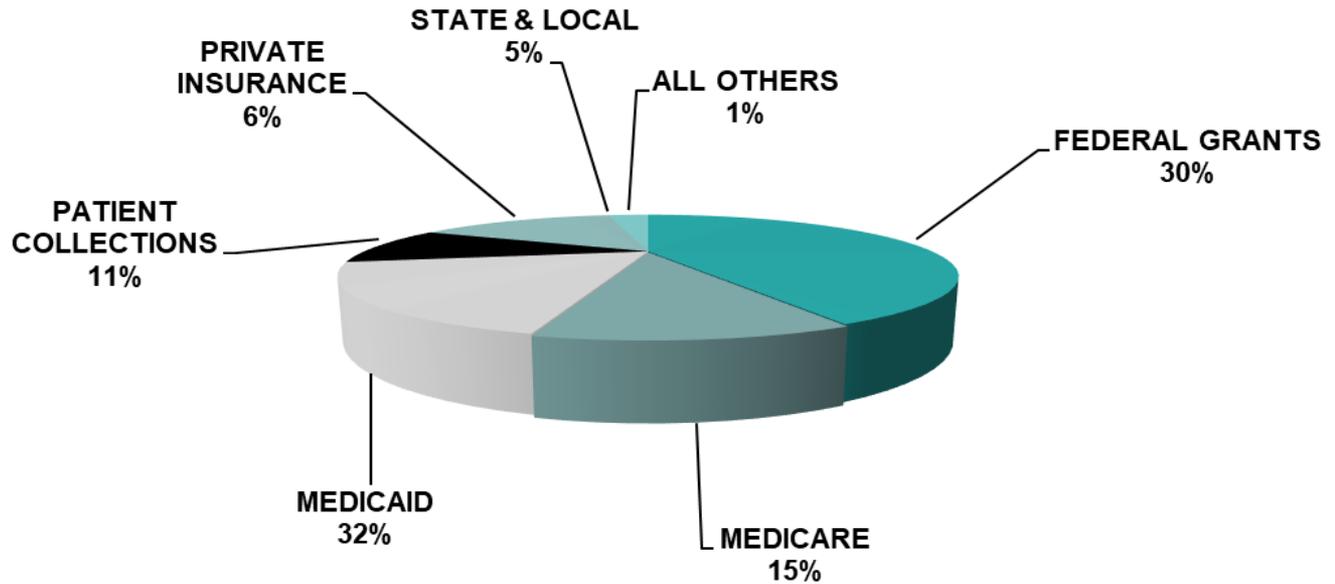


- Seminole County approved as a “look alike” site
 - Local hospital, community and GPCA
- State funded Clay County site
 - Looking forward to next Access Point competition
- Continued growth of school-based clinics
- Telehealth services

Principal Third Party Payment Source



Revenue Sources



Source: UDS Georgia Rollup Report



Health Information Technology (HIT)

- Community Health Centers have been early leaders in electronic medical record (EMR) adoption – 100% since 2012
- Initial seed funding provided by the Legislature in 2006
- Successes led to additional federal funding to continue work
- Early days focused on education



Current HIT Projects

- Interoperability / Data Sharing
 - GaHIN (Georgia HIE)
 - Dept. of Community Health
 - Numerous Partners in Care
- Expanding Telehealth Services
- Connectivity Improvements
- Comprehensive Health Tracking
- Data Analytics

South Central Primary Care



A Brief Overview of SCPCC



Incorporated in 1992

2010 - CHC of the Year – Georgia

Service Area: (Seven Counties)

Atkinson, Ben Hill, Berrien, Coffee, Cook,
Irwin, and Lowndes

Our People:

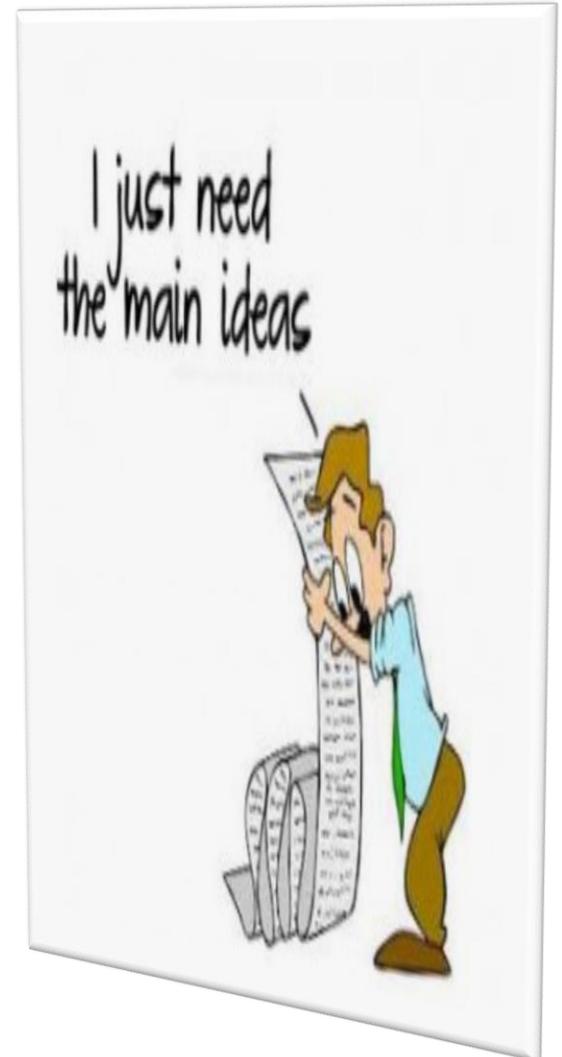
12 Boards Members (Volunteer)
75 Employees

Eleven Clinic Sites:

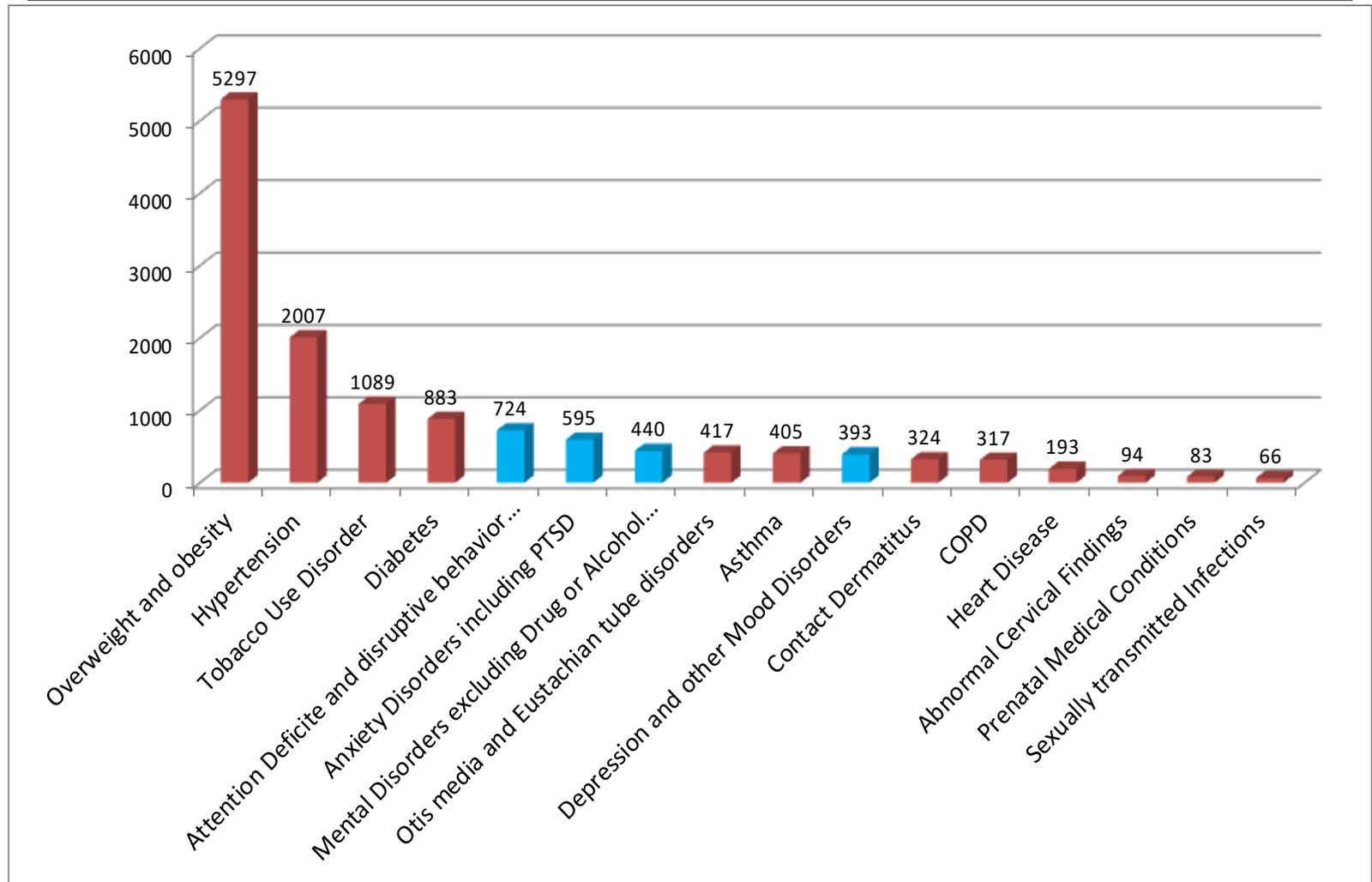
7 Family Medicine
3 Pediatric
1 Women's Health

Number of Patients Seen:

2017: 8,594 Patients
2018: Approx. – 9,000



Diagnosis Summary



What Health Centers Do for Rural Communities?

- Provide Primary Health Care in Medically Underserved Areas
- Provide Jobs with Competitive Salaries and Benefits
 - Over Seven Million Dollar payroll and benefits for Employees in Seven Counties
 - Health Insurance
 - Retirement Plan (401k and 457b)
 - Paid Vacation, Sick, and Holidays
- Health Fairs out in the Communities
 - Check Blood Sugar Levels and Blood Pressure
- Provide Health Education
 - Free Diabetes Education in the Communities of Douglas, Fitzgerald, Nashville, Ocilla, and Pearson on a monthly rotation
- Case Management for Patients with Chronic Conditions
 - One on One Counseling with Patients
- Integrated Behavioral Health

Community Partnerships



Dorminy Medical Center
And
South Central Primary Care

Community Partnerships



Irwin County Hospital
And
South Central Primary Care



What Health Centers Do for Rural Communities?

- **Partner with local Hospitals**
 - Dorminy Medical Center (DMC) – OB/GYN
 - Dorminy Medical Center – Pediatrics
 - Irwin County Hospital (ICH) – Pediatrics
 - Irwin County Hospital – Hired Provider and Staff
 - In Process of Developing Interface to share Medical Records with DMC & ICH
- **Partner with Community Service Boards**
 - Behavioral Health of South Georgia has an exam room inside of our Pediatric Office in Fitzgerald
 - Referral agreements with Behavioral Health of South Georgia and Unison
- **Partner with Schools**
 - Provide Telemedicine for Teachers and Students
 - Atkinson County Schools
 - Berrien County Schools
 - Irwin County Schools
 - Planning School Based Health Center in Fitzgerald



Community Partnerships including

- Bibb
- Clark
- Colquitt
- Dodge
- Dougherty
- Early
- Pulaski
- Seminole
- Sumter
- Thomas
- Toombs
- Washington
- Whitfield
- ...and more

Challenges

- **Recruitment**
 - Physicians
 - Mid-level (NP, PA) Providers
 - Behavioral Health Providers
 - Health Data Analysts
- **Reimbursement**
 - Behavioral Health
 - Telehealth
- **Resources**
 - Affordable High Speed Broadband



**The measure of a life, after
all, is not its duration, but its
donation.**

Corrie Ten Boom

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