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PHILOSOPHY:

The underlying philosophy of the Open Door Community Health Centers is that an individual has primary responsibility for their own life.

As people learn more about their bodies, their health needs, and the social institutions which affect them, they gain more control over their lives.

To this end, Open Door Community Health Centers exist to provide health, education, and social services to the residents of Humboldt and Del Norte counties and surrounding rural areas. Through example, education and participation in the local health care community, ODCHC seeks to promote the development of a health care system which meets the needs and enhances the health of all the individuals in our community.

MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission and purpose of Open Door Community Health Centers to provide quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care and health education to all regardless of financial, geographic, or social barriers.

GOALS:

- To provide high quality health care to those persons presently without access to such care due to financial, geographical, social, or age barriers.
- To provide education on health and social issues to the community as an integral part of clinic services and through outreach efforts.
- To seek out areas of health needs which are inadequately met by existing services.
- To work with other health care providers to improve services and fill unmet community needs.
- To be receptive to new trends and practices which seek to treat and maintain the health and wellbeing of the whole person.
- To provide a structure whereby workers and the community have input into the decision making process at Open Door Community Health Centers.
- To actively seek community input.
- To provide a meaningful and rewarding work environment for Open Door Community Health Centers staff.
- To recognize the importance of, and fully use the skills of, all levels of health workers.

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- To provide an evolving model of health care by:
 - promoting client involvement and responsibility for health care
 - recognizing health workers as facilitators and teachers of the healing process
 - promoting preventive health care to maintain the health and well-being of the whole person
 - promoting client rights
- To work toward change in the present health care system through example, education, and direct participation.
- Level the playing field of human dignity by providing high quality health care for all.

REFERENCES:

None

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