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Everyone Wins With Charity Care

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Crisis Due To

1. Political + social crisis in neighboring countries
2. Increase in numbers of immigrants
3. Technology Advances → Increased costs
4. Malpractice Crisis
5. EMTALA law → federal non funded mandate ( $1.45 Billion per year)
6. 9/11 - “Migrant Phobia"
Consequences

1. Serious illnesses
2. ↑ emergency hospitalizations
3. Hospitals forced to absorb losses
4. ↑ Waiting times at E.R.
5. ↑ ER personnel burn out
6. ↓ ER personnel recruitment retention
7. Some hospitals close. Some hospitals d/c specialized services
Florida as Immigration State

- 3rd State in # of Immigrants
- 4th State in % population Immigrant origin
- Miami-Dade 1st county among all metropolitan Areas in proportion of population of immigrant origin (48%)
Inherent Population Characteristics

1. **Fear of detection**

2. **Acceptance of riskier working conditions**

3. **Discrimination, exclusion & dehumanization**

4. ↑ **risk of communicable diseases**

5. **Sicker patient needing treatment**

6. **Last in 3 tier Health Care System:**
   - insured, partial access & no access
Population with higher incidence of:

- Injuries
- Mental health problems (ex. Depression)
- Victims of violence (at work, home & streets)
- Pregnancy related disorders (ex. miscarriages)
- Complicated chronic illnesses
Physicians & HCP Role

- Patient advocate
- Public Health advocate
- An important voice in the debate
STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. PERFORM NEEDS ASSESSMENT
2. BUILD COMMUNITY SUPPORT
3. CREATE STEERING COMMITTEE
4. DETERMINE BUDGET
5. SELECT LOCATION
6. ARRANGE PHARMACEUTICALS ACCESS
7. DEVELOP TRACKING SYSTEM
8. ENSURE LEGAL COMPLIANCE
9. DEVELOP POLICIES & PROCEDURES
10. DETERMINE STAFFING NEEDS, REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, POLICIES, ETC.
11. CREATE REFERAL NETWORK
12. ENSURE ONGOING PUBLIC RELATIONS
Needs Assessment

- Increase # of uninsured
- Over 500,000 Miami
- 9/11= New Priorities: Defense & Bioterrorism
- Florida= leader in licenses revoked to farm labor crew bosses
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STATISTICS

- > 1,900 patients
- > 20,000 visits
- > 75 free surgeries
- > 100 students trained
- > 100 volunteers
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- National Conference of Puerto Rican Women recognition
- Open Door Health Center Day
- Health Care Hero finalist
- Breast Cancer screening and volunteer MD Recognition
- Roberto Clemente Humanitarian Award
- Only Florida grantee for the Robert Wood Johnson Diabetes Initiative (14 National grantees)
Area With Highest Percentage of Uninsured in County
Population in Need
Migrant Workers Survival Skills: From donated groceries to Home Baked
DENIED
The Crisis of America’s Uninsured
by: Julie Winokur
& Ed Kashi
www.talkingeyesmedia.org
LOCATION:
Walking Distance from Patients Work site
EDUCATION COMBINED WITH SERVICES
Community presentation to Faith groups leaders

Health Fairs
POPULAR EDUCATION TRAINING
as a tool to increase access to services through improved communications skills of CBO’s
FIU Nutrition Students
Teach community Through Their Children

Gave diabetes Presentation
At on site Homework club

Culturally Sensitive Food Pyramid
Importance of exercise stressed
Healthy Behavior Better Accepted When Modeled
Participatory Group Appointments Are Good Teaching Tool For Our Patient Population
Community Health Workers (Peer Educators)
Identified as Positive Teaching Resource

Community Health Workers Training
ARRANGE PHARMACEUTICALS
ACCESS

“FOR THE UNINSURED POOR DIAGNOSIS WITHOUT TREATMENT IS POINTLESS”