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CRCHC Awarded \$300,00 in Oral Health Funding

CONCORD, NC, October 1, 2019 – Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, Inc. (CRCHC) will receive \$300,000.00 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to expand their oral health service capacity through new infrastructure enhancements. These investments are the first by HRSA to solely focus on oral health infrastructure and will enable HRSA-funded health centers to provide new, or enhance existing, oral health services. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded more than \$85 million to fund 298 health centers.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/18/hhs-awards-over-85-million-help-health-centers-expand-access-oral-healthcare.html>

CRCHC plans to expand access to oral health services in Cabarrus and Rowan counties through direct dental services, renovating one existing site (Logan Family Medicine), as well as replacing a site in the current service area (China Grove) with a new, larger site to be renovated to enable dental service provision. Renovations are required to initiate dental services and will include the conversion of offices/exam rooms at these locations into dental operatories; this will involve the addition, at each site, of two dental operatories, a dental lab, dental equipment (dental chairs, dental carts with hand pieces, autoclaves), and a dental x-ray machine. Portable dental equipment will be purchased to provide oral care at external sites such as local farms and shelters.

CRCHC's Chairman of the Board, Robert Freeman, stated "I am grateful we are able to offer a much-needed service to the citizens of Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. I am extremely appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the team at CRCHC".

To have an opportunity to expand our services to include dental care will allow our organization to increase access to care, while impacting the health of our community, one patient at a time," said Don Holloman, Chief Executive Officer at CRCHC.

Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers, Inc. (CRCHC) is a community-based nonprofit organization founded in 2003 and dedicated to positively impacting the health of the community. CRCHC serves more than 9,000 clients annually by providing quality primary care and behavioral health services, without regard for a patient's ability to pay, and serves as a community resource for eliminating health disparities.