**SHARING Mission**

The UNMC SHARING clinics strive to enhance the well-being of the greater community by providing high-quality, low-cost health care and human services to those in need. In a multidisciplinary educational setting, the SHARING clinics empower patients and instill the values of service and compassion in UNMC students.

The SHARING organization oversees four clinics:

**SHARING** (Student Health Alliance Reaching Indigent Needy Groups) was established in 1997. This clinic is open each Tuesday night from 5:30 to 7:00pm for general medical care for pediatrics and adults. The clinic is located at the UNMC Specialty Care Center at 804 South 52nd St. A $10 co-pay is requested; however patients are not turned away based upon inability to pay. Faculty advisor is Jim Medder, MD. We also offer Physical Therapy the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and Medical Nutrition consultations the 1st Tuesday of each month.

**RESPECT** stands for Responsible Early STD Prevention Education and Community Testing and was established in 2001. This clinic is open each Monday night from 5:30 to 7:00pm for confidential testing, treatment, and counseling of STDs. The clinic RESPECT uses is located at the UNMC Baker Place on 5050 Ames Ave. We request a $15 co-pay however no patients are turned away. Faculty advisor is Kathy Hoffman, RN, MSN, APRN-NP.

**GOODLIFE** stands for Greater Omaha Outreach for Diabetes Lifestyles Impacting Fitness & Education and was established in 2002. This clinic is open the 2nd Wednesday each month from 5:30 to 7:00pm. The clinic GOODLIFE uses is located at Baker Place on 5050 Ames Ave. We request a $10 co-pay. Faculty advisor is William Hay, MD.

**VISION** (Volunteers Improving Sight in Omaha, Nebraska) was established in 2011. This clinic is open the 3rd Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00pm. It is held at the UNMC Physicians Eye Specialties at 3925 Dewey Street and provides ophthalmology services upon referral from the SHARING and GOODLIFE clinics. We request a $10 co-pay. Faculty advisor is Eyal Margalit, MD.

**Statistics**

- Approximately 1/3 of UNMC’s student body has the opportunity to participate
- UNMC disciplines involved - Medicine, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Nurse Practitioner, Public Health, Clinical Lab Science, Medical Nutrition, Dentistry.
- Operating Budget: $65,000
- Fundraising: SHARING the Green golf tournament - $25,000; Chancellor’s Donation; support from community businesses and foundations; other donations
- Approximately 1,200 patient visits/year
Clinics

Continuity of Care Program
The Continuity of Care program was created in 2009 as a way to better manage our patients with significant and multiple health problems. The program assigns selected patients to a medical student, a PA student and a pharmacy student who are able to regularly work together in the care of the patient. The Continuity of Care program has had much success, offering the opportunity to have regular providers and more efficient visits for nearly 30 patients and the educational opportunity to nearly 100 students who are intimately involved in their care. As indicated below, the SHARING Research Committee has recently been approved for an IRB to follow the care of the patients in this program to assess how continuity may affect their final outcomes.

College of Dentistry Integration
Meeting SHARING patients’ in Omaha dental needs has always been a challenge due to the UNMC College of Dentistry’s location in Lincoln, NE. Dentistry clinics in Omaha do not provide adequate low-cost coverage to SHARING’s patient population. The College of Dentistry holds a free clinic four times a year in Lincoln, and we hope to meet some of our patients’ dentistry needs via these clinics. To further integrate the dental school and UNMC Omaha campus, we added a dental student representative to our Student Advisory Committee (in addition to the College of Dentistry faculty member on our Faculty Advisory Committee). We hope to expand these relationships to bring dental care to our patients.

Community

OWL Ride
In July 2012, SHARING students participated in the third annual Omaha With Lights (OWL) Ride, a 16-mile night-time ride through various neighborhoods to Omaha with proceeds going to support the UNMC Meyer Foundation for Disabilities. SHARING students worked at first aid stations throughout the course to support the riders through the night. It was a fun event and a great way to interface with the community and support a good cause.

Liberty Mentoring Program
In 2009, SHARING established a partnership with Liberty Elementary to help provide medical access to their students, many of whom are from underserved populations. While the students no longer need access to the SHARING clinics (their school was provided a nurse practitioner to give students on-site health care access), there was a request for positive mentors in the classroom. As a result, SHARING began to facilitate classroom volunteers from all professions at UNMC to mentor in the classroom and to provide approved sessions on topics like smoking.

Jackson Family Nights
In Summer of 2011, SHARING began a partnership with Completely Kids after school program at Jackson Elementary School. We participate in monthly family nights where students from multiple professions give presentations to both students and parents about a variety of health and prevention topics, including nutrition, over-the-counter medications, and exercise. In conjunction with the UNMC College of Dentistry, we were able to provide toothbrushes and toothpaste to the 80 students in the program.

Research

Society for Student Run Free Clinics
In February 2012, eight SHARING students (7 medical, 1 clinical lab science) attended the Society for Student Run Free Clinics (SSRFC) National Conference in Long Beach, CA. We gave two oral
presentations on our ongoing research of the outcomes of the Continuity Program and on the role CLS plays in our clinics, and one poster presentation on the Liberty and Jackson school programs. It was an incredible experience to interact with students who participate in other free-run clinics around the nation and world as well as to have the chance to create and present material about our clinics. In January 2013, nine SHARING students will attend the SSRFC Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX.

**Recognition**

**1600 Pennsylvania Avenue**

A thankful SHARING Continuity patient recently wrote to White House about the experience he had at our clinic. He received a response with President Obama’s signature, which he shared with a UNMC administrator, acknowledging the message of hope and determination that endeavors like ours have for the nation.

**SHARING Clinic Week**

In 2013, Governor Dave Heineman proclaimed April 15-21, 2013 as SHARING Clinics Week. A delegation of UNMC students and faculty accepted the proclamation at a ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol. The final clause of the proclamation reads, “The UNMC SHARING Clinics will continue to provide health care to the underserved population in Omaha and Lincoln for many years to come, building on UNMC’s strong tradition of giving back to the community and instilling the values of compassion and service in countless UNMC students.”

**Future**

**Pharmacy Grant Implementation**

In the fall of 2011, the pharmacy representatives on the student advisory committee submitted and won a grant from the AACP for $20,000. $10,000 of this money will go towards expanding pharmacy services provided at the clinic. This may include improved patient education materials, more access to different medication programs, and a variety of other innovative pharmacy improvements.

**Psychiatry Partnership**

In the last year, the UNMC Psychiatry Department attending SHARING clinics and participated in talks about how they could become involved in helping us serve the underserved population with which we work. SHARING has increased psychiatric screenings to monitor its patients for depression and other illnesses.

**SHARING’s Sweet 16 Birthday Party**

On April 18, 2013, SHARING leaders hosted a Sweet 16 birthday party for the SHARING Clinic to continue to raise SHARING’s profile on campus and in the community, while also celebrating 16 years of caring for the underserved.

**SHARING the Vision**

In April 2013, the SHARING Faculty Advisory Committee will host SHARING the Vision, a national conference for faculty involved with student run clinics. The faculty will present UNMC’s best practice model for student run clinics at an academic medical center and will share this information with other interested faculty. Faculty from around the country have also been invited to present.

**More information**

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