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Project Description

The Fourth Street Clinic, operated by Wasatch Homeless Health Care (WHHC), works to end homelessness by providing health care and support services for homeless Utahns. A staff of 40, 35 in-house volunteers and more than 200 community specialists who see patients on a pro bono basis provide a comprehensive health home complete with primary care, behavioral health, pharmacy, case management and specialty care services. Fourth Street Clinic serves 6,000 patients with 25,000 office visits each year. It is estimated that 15,500 Utahns experience homelessness each year.

Services

WHHC provides each patient with comprehensive primary health care. Each provider in tandem with a care coordination department helps patients access all needed medical, behavioral health, pharmacy and support services needed to improve their health and quality of life. Services include primary, acute and chronic care; disease diagnosis and treatment; women's health; pediatrics; immunizations; laboratory tests; public health screenings, psychotherapy and psychiatry; specialty clinics and referrals; hospital/ER discharge planning; off-site specialty referrals; respite (recuperative) care; nursing home placement; treatment facility referrals; public health insurance and financial aid eligibility screenings; transportation; and translation. The main clinic schedules appointments Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is also an Urgent Care/Walk-In Clinic on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pediatric appointments are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Pharmacy is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. WHHC provides integrated health care and behavioral health services for runaway homeless youth on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Providers also hold outreach clinics at the many temporary and permanent housing for chronically homeless sites throughout the valley, emergency shelters, public parks and homeless camping areas. Fourth Street Clinic also actively works to place longterm patients into permanent housing programs.

Linkages

Psychosocial casework and entitlement assistance are provided under an agreement with The Road Home (shelter).

Mental health case management and treatment for severe diagnoses are referred to Valley Storefront, a division of Valley Mental Health Services. WHHC also refers clients to substance abuse treatment under an agreement with the Substance Abuse Services Division of Salt Lake County. WHHC works closely with city, county, and State health departments and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center on disease control, particularly TB, West Nile Virus, and Hepatitis. City and county housing authorities are partners in helping homeless service providers solve the critical housing shortage for people who are homeless. WHHC co-manages a housing unit for TB patients with Housing Authority of Salt Lake County. WHHC also has linkages with Youth Resource Center and Open Door Clinic, two drop-in centers for homeless youth. WHHC participates with area nursing schools, to provide learning experiences for nursing students, and the University of Utah's School of Medicine to educate and train medical students and residents.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 15,500 Patients served: 6,000