



# MCCN NEWS

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## A Message from the President/CEO



Mission Statement:

"To provide, advocate and model quality health care and social services for the uninsured and low-income families in the communities of Southern California."

As we cheer the 8th anniversary of Affordable Care Act (ACA) aka Obama, I always like to reflect the ACA impact on healthcare in our communities. With ACA, we were able to reduce the uninsured rate from 46% to 19%; more than doubled the number of patients we currently serve as well as added more than 100 new jobs! This has been the best program that has given access to the communities that lacked access 8 years back; gave financial support to the many staff we hired from the communities and improved access and clinical outcomes for our diabetic patients – which amount to 15% of our total medical patients.

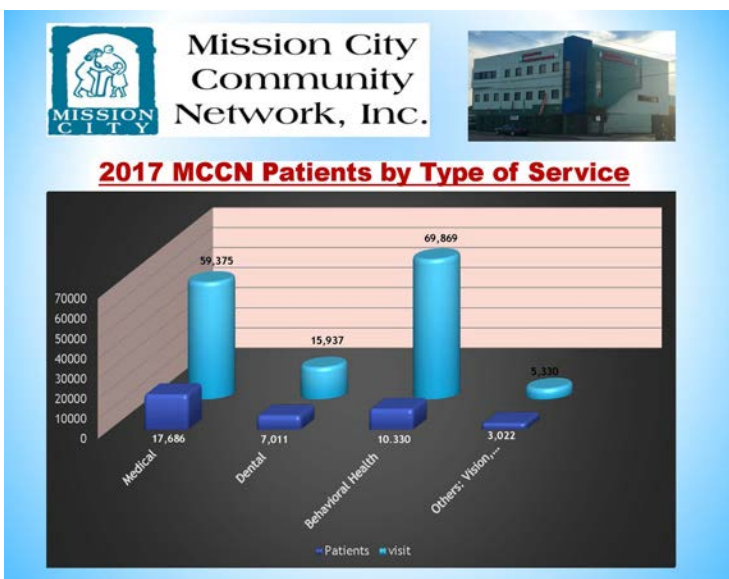
## MCCN Joined 2018 National Policy and Issues Forum in DC

Mission City Community Network President/CEO Nik Gupta together with health center leaders, staff, and advocates joined in the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Policy and Issues Forum on March 14 -18, 2018 in the heart of Washington D.C. According to NACHC, the 2018 Forum comes as America's Health Centers confront an uncertain funding future, coupled with proposals to restructure key federal programs, including Medicaid and Medicare.

The forum is venue of opportunity for MCCN CEO together with other clinicians, board members, consumers, executives and other community health leaders in bringing perspectives to Members of Congress and offer constructive solutions to the issues at hand.



Congressman Adam Schiff of 28<sup>th</sup> District of CA (top photo), Congressman Tony Cardenas, 29<sup>th</sup> District (left photo) and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, 40<sup>th</sup> District (right photo) meet members of Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) with MCCN President/CEO Nik Gupta during congressional visit in the 2018 Policy & Issues Forum.





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## MCCN Recognition from NCQA - Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH)

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) congratulates Mission City Community Network for the clinic practice earning NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition. NCQA's Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition Program is the most widely adopted Patient-Centered Medical Home evaluation program in the country. More than 12,000 practices (with more than 60,000 clinicians) are recognized by NCQA. MCCN practice recognition is among an elite group that has demonstrated its commitment to advancing quality in health care. In the next few weeks, MCCN will receive a packet that includes the Certificate of Recognition. NCQA will also list MCCN practice and Recognition Seal on their website with the active recognition dates from March 07, 2018 to January 26, 2021.

## 400 Students Visit MCCN COW

MCCN Clinic –On –Wheels (COW) participated in Pacoima Middle School's Vehicle Career Day on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 400 students learned about COW programs and services for the students and their families.



Ms. Simer Garcha, Principal, Pacoima MS received the MCCN plaque of recognition from Pedro Ramirez, MCCN Outreach Director.

## MCCN at AALO 2018 MLK Celebration

The African American Leadership Organization (AALO) welcomed Mission City Community Network in the 2018 Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Breakfast on January 15, 2018 at Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley in Pacoima.

Mr. Bob Winn, President and Chief Executive Officer of AALO personally invited Mr. Nik Gupta, President/CEO of MCCN to be one of the guests and partner sponsors in this noble activity.

Congressman Tony Cardenas, Representing the 29<sup>th</sup> District of California and Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles are among the Guest Speakers together with other elected officials. More than 500 community leaders attended the event and it is the largest celebration of MLK holiday in San Fernando Valley.

MCCN Board Member Maria Chaudry together with MCCN Management Team – Magdalena Almira, Virginia Ingram, Dr. Allison Johnson, Mendy Kaye and Pedro Ramirez joined Mr. Gupta in this large member of the community.



MCCN President/CEO Mr. Nik Gupta with Congressman Tony Cardenas (left photo) and MCCN Board Member Maria Chaudry with LA Mayor Eric Garcetti (right photo) at MLK AALO Community Breakfast.



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## MCCN Participate in LA County Annual Homeless Initiative Conference

Mission City Community Network Outreach Director Pedro Ramirez and Community Outreach Coordinator Michelle Torres represented MCCN in the County of Los Angeles 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homeless Initiative Conference on February 8, 2018 at LA Cathedral Plaza.

Over 500 stakeholders including elected officials, cities, County Departments, homeless service providers, faith leaders, individuals with lived experience, and community members came together to prevent and combat homelessness.

To date, MCCN and LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) are working together under a collaborative agreement for a community health and mental health collaboration that will outreach to and provide services to the homeless population. The collaborative program partnership involves regular MCCN's mobile medical clinic for health care and DMH's Senate Bill (SB) 82 Mobile Triage Team for mental health care



LA County Homeless Initiative Conference photo with MCCN Partners from DMH (L-R) - Michele Archambeault (Clinical Psychologist, Office of Integrated Care, SPA 4), Pedro Ramirez (Outreach Director, MCCN), Cynthia Hurtado (Social Worker II, SPA 2 Administration & Health Neighborhood /Faith-Based Liaison), and Alberto Rivadeneyra (Public Health Nurse, SPA 7).

## LAUSD Administrators Visit MCCN MaCES Wellness Center in Maywood

MCCN President/CEO Nik Gupta welcomes Ms. Erika F. Torres, Executive Director of Student Health and Human Services, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) on their special visit to MCCN Maywood Center for Enriched Studies (MaCES) Wellness Center. Joining Ms. Torres visit are LAUSD administrators and staff including Ron Tanimura, Director, Student Medical Services, Will Celestine, Director, Wellness Programs, Maria Castro, Coordinator, Student Health and Human Services, and Frances Valdez, Organizational Facilitator.

Ms. Torres and her team appreciated MCCN student referral process and the benefits of having a wellness center at MaCes Magnet school.

To date, MCCN MaCES Wellness Center is serving the students, families and surrounding communities in the district, offering primary health and wellness programs and services, along with primary prevention education including insurance information and enrollment for uninsured individuals.



(From L - R) - Pedro Ramirez (Outreach Director, MCCN), Erika F. Torres (Executive Director, Student Health and Human Services), Maria Castro (Coordinator, Student Health and Human Services), Ron Tanimura (Director, Student Medical Services), Will Celestine (Director, Wellness Programs), Nik Gupta (President/CEO, MCCN) and Frances Valdez (Organizational Facilitator, Wellness Program).



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## MCCN - SJLI Nutrition Program in South Bay

Mission City Community Network and Social Justice Learning Institute established program partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding to address issues of nutrition and physical activity for community members of Inglewood.

The program collaboration provides free healthy lifestyle nutrition and physical activity classes for MCCN patients and their families every Friday starting on February 2018. Topics for each week are (1) basic nutrition, (2) Physical Activity, (3) Rethink Your Drink and (4) Diet Related Diseases. Educational resources / cookbooks/ handouts are given to the patients/participants including Health Advocate Certificate upon completion of four week sessions. For information and registration, please contact Jessica Chavez, Community Outreach Coordinator at 818.895.3100 Ext 742.



MCCN nutrition class program activity photo in Inglewood site.

## MCCN at San Fernando Street Festival

Mission City Community Network joined Valley Care Community Consortium and other businesses and organizations in the San Fernando Street Festival, the first Metro Open Streets event in the City of San Fernando on March 31<sup>st</sup>.



MCCN Outreach staff in San Fernando Street Festival with Mr. Anthony Ortiz-Luis (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Executive Director of Valley Care Community Consortium.

## MCCN #RedAlert4CHCs

### National Day of Demonstration, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> mark one of biggest day in health center advocacy history – the National Day of Demonstration - Red Alert for Community Health Centers (#RedAlert4CHCs). This day was an incredible success and a fierce showing of the power of Health Center Advocacy.

The management and staff including patients and community partners of Mission City Community Network joined the call to urge lawmakers on Capitol Hill to extend funding for Community Health Centers and preserve affordable health care in the community. MCCN staff together with all Health Center Advocates wears **red** as part of the *Red Alert for Health Centers* - in solidarity with health centers and the patients they served. We made it!



**ABOUT MCCN:** Mission City Community Network (MCCN), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, has a 29 year history of providing culturally competent and age-appropriate medical, dental, and mental health services to low-income and medically underserved individuals of Southern California. MCCN is renowned and respected for delivering comprehensive healthcare that is of the highest quality in a culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate manner. MCCN provides healthcare services on an open-access basis to all families and individuals seeking health services regardless of race, group affiliation, age, gender, or the patient's ability to pay. MCCN operates under a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of service delivery. For information, please call 818.895.3100 or visit our website [www.mccn.org](http://www.mccn.org)