

Sheridan Health Services Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

August 12, 2015

3525 West Oxford Ave Denver CO 80236

Talking Points and Briefing

Arrival Time: 3:30

Role:

█ to speak for up to five minutes on behalf of Foundation and the \$770,000 grant awarded for expansion.

Audience:

Community Partners to include ARTS, CDHS, Mexican Consulate, Hospital CEOs, SHS Board of Directors, patients, faculty/staff. Confirmed guests include: Senator Irene Aguilar, Representative Susan Lontine, Priscilla Resendiz (Bennet), Jorge Delgado (Gardner), Jerry Pifer (Perlmutter), Sue Birch, HCPF, Esperanza Ybarra, Branch Chief Health Services and Connections CDPHE, Landau de Laguna, Sheridan City Council Member, Tara Beiter-Fluhr, Sheridan Mayor pro tem, Steve Holloway Health Equity and Access Branch Director, CDPHE, State of Colorado.

Erica Schwartz, DNP, is the CEO of Sheridan Health Services and will kick-off the program at 4:00. We have been working with her to get the schedule together and she has been awesome.

Talking Points

- Thank you. [if you haven't been introduced, introduce yourself]
- First off, we are thrilled to see this expansion come to fruition and to see Sheridan Health Services triple their capacity to provide high-quality integrated care to a high-need population. Kudos to Erica Schwartz and your board and staff, as you enter this new phase of your work.
- The Colorado Health Foundation focuses on Healthy Living, Health Coverage and Health Care because our vision is that **"Together, we will make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation."**
- We are guided by the belief that we must bring **together** individuals, organizations and resources to overcome barriers to better health.
- Getting ready to be here today, it occurred to me that Sheridan Health Services is a shining example of people **working together** with their community to overcome health barriers.
- It is clear in everything you have done to get to this point, that this expansion is not just about physical space. From the partnership between the University of Colorado College of Nursing to your work with Sheridan Public Schools, to the clinic, to the dental van, and to this expansion, you are listening to your community and getting them the care they need in a way they can access it.
- Beyond just expansion and renovation, you are fostering a quality provider workforce to provide fully integrated, coordinated care that any community would treasure. I am so impressed to see

the engagement you have with your community and your dedication to improving their access to care.

- I'm honored to be a part of this celebration and look forward to seeing your continued impact on the health of your community.

Schedule for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

3:30 PM	Arrive and Network	
4:00 PM	Opening remarks	Dr. Schwartz
4:05 PM	Board Member Comments	Allan Jahnke
4:08 PM	The Colorado Health Foundation President & CEO Rahn Porter	
4:13 PM	Introduce City & State Officials in Attendance	Dr. Barton
4:15 PM	Government Officials	ALL
	Senator Irene Aguilar & Representative Susan Lotine	
4:20 PM	Ribbon Cutting and Photos	Rahn Porter & Group
4:25 PM	Ribbon Cutting Closing Remarks BOD	President Angie Romani
4:30 PM	Adjourn for Tour & Informal Networking	Dr. Schwartz

Quick Facts about Sheridan Health Services:

- Sheridan Health Services has been operating a school-based health clinic for about 20 years, but this clinic opened in 2010 so it's newer to the community. They also have a mobile oral health van.
- Many of the residents in Sheridan and the surrounding communities are low income and have barriers to accessing primary care.
- The Foundation funded the expansion of Sheridan Health Services, a federally-qualified health center (FQHC) at \$770,000.
- The expansion tripled their capacity (30 additional visit rooms and 2 conference spaces) to provide high-quality integrated care to a low-income and vulnerable population.
- The clinic used to serve 2,000 patients and can now serve more than 6,000 annually.
- Two interesting things about this clinic:
 1. Its nurse led and managed operated through the College of Nursing (CU). This is helpful considering the physician shortage, especially in a high-needs area.

2. Clinic users and consumers (their terms) are actively involved in governance, strategic planning and marketing. Look at their [board members page](#) and you can see they take engaging with their community seriously.