



Atascosa Health Center, Inc.

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December 31, 2024

Re: Modular building located at:1501 Campbell Ave. Jourdanton TX. 78026

Dear: Judge Weldon Cude and Atascosa County Commissioners,

Introduction: The **Atascosa Health Center, Inc. (AHC)** is a community-based non-profit (501c3) health care organization with over 48 years of continued service, development, and implementation in providing comprehensive, quality and prevention focused care, primarily in medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy care services. AHC’s humble beginning was as a **satellite health clinic site located in Poteet, Texas** sponsored by the San Antonio Based Southwest Migrant Association, Inc. (1976-1978). In August 1978, Atascosa County Commissioner’s Court took over the U.S. Public Health Service grant supported program and became the official sponsor of the satellite clinic. In April 1980, the county turned over the program to the Atascosa Rural Health Initiative (RHI) Clinic, Inc., a newly formed non-profit community, and consumer-based corporation. The name of the corporation was changed to the Atascosa Health Center, Inc. (AHC) in 2001.

AHC’s Philosophy from the beginning years to the present has not changed which is: The AHC adheres to the **philosophy** that the community’s well-being and health is the primary concern in planning and operating all agency activities. The AHC is dedicated to serving its patients without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, or **ability to pay for services**.

AHC over the last 20 years has been working on re-establishing community-based health care in Poteet TX., and on October 6, 2021, AHC was successful in opening a Federally Qualified Health Center in Poteet, Texas with a one-time grant from the Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA). Since then, AHC has been working on making the Poteet Community Health Center financially stable. One of the ways was to maximize the number of Patients and Visits; the following is a breakout of said patients and visits:

Calendar Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Patients	179	1166	1514	1467
Visits	772	4708	5961	5673

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Calendar Year

Age Categories	2021	2022	2023	2024
0 to 5 Yrs.	3	21	70	63
5 to 10 Yrs.	10	79	112	87
10 to 17 Yrs.	7	117	214	184
18 to 64 Yrs.	138	824	981	978
65 + Yrs.	21	125	137	155
Total	179	1166	1514	1467

AHC has a single-Family Nurse Practitioner who is at his maximum in patient volume. AHC must increase the provider and staffing level to meet the growing volume of patient demand. AHC has asked one of AHC long-term funding Foundations for financial assistance to expand the availability of patient care to meet the growing demand.

Another particularly important goal is to have a facility where AHC does not have a lease or rent payment, a facility large enough to handle the growing patient population in Poteet, and use those dollars to help provide direct patient care to meet the growing patient demand. AHC was successful in obtaining a \$650,000 Grant from the Texas Department of State and Health Services to purchase the current facility and buy medical equipment and furniture. Also, have the land to build a new facility. AHC worked with the current Landlord on purchasing the current facility for AHC to have the ability to keep operations going, meet the short-term demand and time to seek State, Federal and local Foundation funding to build a 5,000 sqft facility, similar to the one AHC built for AHC Live Oak Community Health Center in Three Rivers, Live Oak County Texas. AHC was **not** successful in purchasing the facility from the current owner, there were too many restrictions on the property that would not allow AHC to build a new facility, prevented AHC from doing certain types of healthcare services and the cost was unrealistic. Also, AHC would have to pay Methodist Health System (MHS) the difference from what current appraisal value to what Dr. Alecozay purchased the building from MHS.

Therefore, AHC started looking at other ways to accomplish AHC goals. AHC reached out to the Atascosa County Judge and to the Mayor and City Administrator of Poteet. AHC was surprised by the overwhelming response AHC received from the meetings. Judge Cude informed AHC that the county has a modular building that the county might be able to sell to AHC for \$10.00 since AHC is a **501c3** and its primary mission is to provide healthcare services to those who cannot afford healthcare. This is great news for AHC if the county can sell the facility to AHC. AHC next challenge is where in Poteet can AHC place the modular building and have space to build a new state-of-the-art facility for the future. AHC is working on this.

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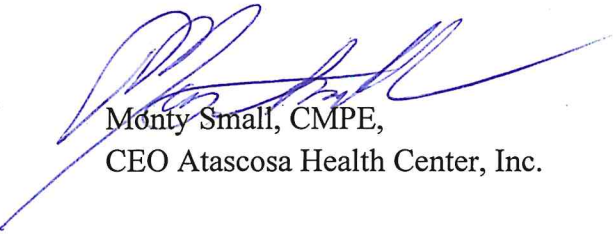


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Therefore, the AHC Board of Directors respectfully asks the County Commissioners and County Judge to consider selling the modular building for \$10.00 to AHC, the modular building located at 1501 Campbell Ave. Jourdanton, TX. 78026 and the building would be relocated to Poteet once a location is identified.

Respectfully submitted,


Monty Small, CMPE,
CEO Atascosa Health Center, Inc.

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