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Letter From the CEO

Dear Cook County Health Friends and Partners,

For more than 180 years, Cook County Health has provided high quality, comprehensive healthcare to the residents of Cook County without regard for their ability to pay. And since its beginning on the south side, Provident Hospital of Cook County has been an important healthcare provider and partner to the patients and communities it serves.

The current Provident facility was built in the 1980's under private ownership and subsequently closed in 1987. In the early 1990's, Cook County purchased the building and invested more than \$50 million dollars before reopening it in 1993. In recent years, Provident has added digital mammography, comprehensive ophthalmology services and just this spring reopened its intensive care unit to limit the need to transfer patients out of their community. In early 2020, Provident will offer outpatient dialysis services.



We are pleased that Provident is thriving as a healthcare provider but the current hospital building is in need of significant investment to meet today's modern healthcare standards. The cost to make these improvements in a dated facility is staggering. As such, **Cook County Health is pleased to announce our intention to build a new state-of-the-art inpatient and outpatient facility on the Provident Hospital campus.** Currently, Provident Hospital has state authorization for 85 (79 medical/surgical and six ICU) beds. If approved by the state, the new facility will include a smaller replacement hospital with 42 medical/surgical beds and 6 ICU beds; 8 operating suites as well as 70 outpatient exam rooms for the provision of comprehensive outpatient primary and specialty care, laboratory, diagnostic, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. A comprehensive emergency department with 18 bays is also planned.

This new facility will allow Cook County Health to provide comprehensive, high-quality health in a modern facility in the Provident community. As one of the largest employers in the area, the new facility will add 50-90 new jobs. The existing facility will not close until the new building is opened in late 2022.

Site preparation will occur over the course of the next several months beginning with the demolition of the currently vacant building at 450 E. 51st Street. Groundbreaking for the new building will occur in early 2020. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Health and the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management are committed to developing a Community Benefits Agreement for the project, with minority and women business enterprise goals and a community hiring component.

As required by state law, we have filed an application with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. The application process will take several months with approval expected by the end of the year.

We hope that you share our excitement about the positive impact such a project can have on the community. Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to working with you to ensure we deliver on our mission to protect and enhance the health and well-being of the people of Cook County.

To learn more about the new Provident Hospital, please visit our website at [**cookcountyhealth.org**](http://cookcountyhealth.org).

Sincerely,
Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health



Cook County Health to Hold Research and Innovation Summit on Justice-Involved Individuals

On September 18, Cook County Health will host its third Research and Innovation Summit, Connecting Care for People Who Are Justice-Involved, to discuss opportunities for improving care for those impacted by the criminal justice system. Specifically, the summit will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about CCH's justice initiatives and our innovative solutions to link patients to much-needed resources. It will also provide a session for people to engage and collaborate to develop actionable plans to address this critical issue.

We hope you will join us as we discuss the critical connection to health care for people who are justice-involved. Look for more information on the September 18 summit in our next newsletter.

Cook County Health Participates in 90th Bud Billiken Parade



Dr. Arnold Turner, Medical Director of Provident Hospital, spoke with Karen Jordan of ABC-7 Chicago during the parade.



Cook County Health employees and their families took part in the Bud Billiken Day Parade by riding our float.



Along with providing first-aid care along the parade route, Cook County Health employees also handed out information about health services.

On August 10, Cook County Health celebrated with residents at the 90th Bud Billiken Parade. CCH employees handed out information about the health system's services at the health pavilion and staff provided medical care along the parade route's first-aid stations. Several staff members also were on the CCH float. Thank you to the clinicians and staff who took part!

Cook County Health Launches New Campaign Aimed at Increasing Pediatric Engagement

Cook County Health recently received a grant from the state to increase pediatric and adolescent health engagement at the Cottage Grove Health Center.

With the beginning of the school year right around the corner, CCH is stressing the importance of ensuring all children have access to health care.

CCH is continuing to look for ways to increase its presence around Ford Heights. In June, colleagues from the Cottage Grove clinic came to cheer on the Ford Heights youth baseball program, which CCH is sponsoring. As part of the grant, we will add to our promotional presence through street pole banners, posters in businesses and schools, and a new digital ad that can be seen [here](#).

Pediatric appointments can be made at 312-864-0200.

Cook County Health Breaks Ground on New Health Center in Belmont-Cragin



Cook County Health had plenty of help breaking ground on its new facility. Participants included (from left to right): M. Hill Hammock, Chair, Cook County Health Board; Mary Driscoll, Director, Cook County Health Board; Felix Cardona, Alderman, 31st Ward; Roxanne Nava, Executive Director, Metropolitan Family Services; Gilbert Villegas, Alderman, 36th Ward; Luis Arroyo Jr., Cook County Commissioner, 8th District; Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President; Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health; Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner, 2nd District; Alma E. Anaya, Cook County Commissioner, 7th District; Luis Arroyo, Illinois State Representative, 3rd District; and Deisy Velasco and her daughter, Cook County Health patients.



Back row (left to right): Dr. Denise Cunill, Associate Medical Director of Cook County Health Ambulatory Pediatrics; Luis Arroyo, Illinois State Representative, 3rd District; Gilbert Villegas, Alderman, 36th Ward; Luis Arroyo Jr., Cook County Commissioner, 8th District; Nancy Rivera, Director of Regional Operations, CCH Northwest Cluster; are joined by Deisy Velasco and her family, Cook County Health patients.



Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President, speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony. She's joined by (left to right): M. Hill Hammock, Chair, Cook County Health Board; Mary Driscoll, Director, Cook County Health Board; Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health; Gilbert Villegas, Alderman, 36th Ward; Luis Arroyo, Illinois State Representative, 3rd District; Luis Arroyo Jr., Cook County Commissioner, 8th District; and Felix Cardona, Alderman, 31st Ward.

On July 16, Cook County Health broke ground on a new \$12 million state-of-the-art health center in the Belmont-Cragin neighborhood of Chicago.

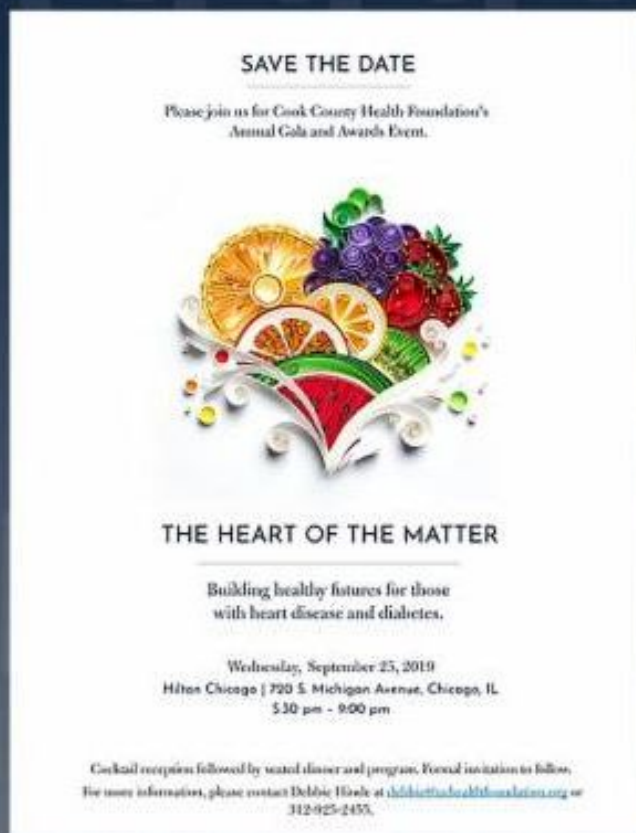
“This new facility will allow Cook County Health to provide its patients with comprehensive outpatient services furthering our commitment to care for patients in the right place at the right time,” said Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. “Today’s celebration is not just about the construction of a new building, but about the promise this project brings to people across Cook County who are in need of expert health care.”

The construction for the new 25,000-square-foot building located at 5501 W. Fullerton Ave. is expected to begin later this year and will be completed in 2020. With 30 exam rooms, the health center will provide pediatric and adult primary care, women’s health, dental care as well as specialty services like cardiology and endocrinology. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) food assistance program will also be on-site.

“The new health center will provide our patients modern, welcoming space, reflective of the high-quality care they receive,” said Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, CCH. “With this project, we are coming closer to realizing our future as a modern, integrated, culturally sensitive and person-centered health system. Our patients deserve no less.”

The new health center will replace the Logan Square Health Center, which will remain open until the new facility is completed.

Save the Date: Cook County Health Foundation’s Annual Gala and Awards Event



Join us for Cook County Health Foundation's Annual Gala and Awards Event on Wednesday, September 25, at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. The event is to raise money for those with heart disease and diabetes.

For information or to buy tickets, visit the Foundation website by clicking [here](#).

Cook County Health Represented at National Sexual Health Conference

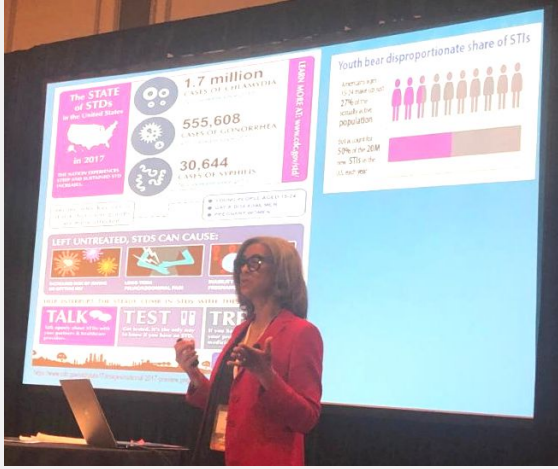


Colleagues from Cook County Health and the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center took part in the 2019 National Sexual Health Conference earlier this month. The conference brings together clinicians, researchers, educators, social workers and health care administrators from around the U.S. to share information, efforts and best practices around sexual health.

CCH and the CORE Center were hosting organizations of the event.

Top: Researchers from the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center presented their posters.

Bottom: Dr. Lisa Henry-Reid was one of several Cook County Health speakers. She presented on sexual and reproductive health for youth populations.



Cook County Health and Alivio Medical Center Launch Patient Ambassador Program

Cook County Health has partnered with Alivio Medical Center to launch a program focused on helping women through all stages of their pregnancy, from a positive pregnancy test to postpartum care.

The patient ambassadors ensure patients are aware of all the maternal-child health services offered by CCH. They provide information about delivery planning, as well as link patients who need social workers and case management services.

Services are also offered in Spanish to support Hispanic patients and their families.

The pilot program has been implemented at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, Sengstacke Health Center and Cicero Health Center. Questions about the program should be directed to the ambassador office at 312-864-4262.

Patient ambassadors, including Maria Xique, Ambassador at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital; Maria Carpio, Ambassador at Stroger Hospital; Gabriela Gutierrez, Program Coordinator; Monica Cuevas, Lead Ambassador at Cicero Health Center; Emily Tavares, Ambassador at John Sengstacke Health Center; and Mayra Munoz, Ambassador at Stroger, help support women during their pregnancy.



Physician Profile:

Dr. Rami Doukky

Dr. Rami Doukky, MSc, FACC, is Chair of Cardiology at Cook County Health. As chair, he leads a collaboration of clinicians who provide exceptional care for patients with heart disease.

At CCH, Dr. Doukky has been instrumental in leading and developing a variety of clinical programs focused on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. Under his leadership, CCH has been nationally recognized by the American Heart Association and *U.S. News & World Report* for providing outstanding care to patients with heart failure. CCH has also been recognized by the American Heart Association for providing exceptional care to patients following a heart attack.

Dr. Doukky is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and the American Society of Echocardiography. He is an expert at treating patients with complex heart conditions, including coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, valve disease, hypertension and high cholesterol.



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Watch us on CAN TV

Every month, Cook County Health features a guest expert on CAN TV to offer viewers information on various health topics, such as heart disease and breast cancer, and to discuss prevention and treatment strategies. Be sure to tune in to CAN TV on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. to catch CCH's monthly segment, and call in with your health questions at 312-738-1060. To find archived episodes, visit YouTube and look for the Community Health Hotline. The next show will air on Tuesday, August 13 at 5 p.m.

Cook County Health in the Community: Upcoming Events

CCH's outreach team participates in a variety of community events throughout Cook County. Whether it is a health fair, festival, job fair or community picnic, CCH's outreach workers make sure that Cook County residents know about the full portfolio of services the system provides. If you would like to know where CCH will be this month, please check our [calendar of events](#).

Visit our website at cookcountyhealth.org

If you would like to invite a representative from CCH to attend a community event, please send an email to events@cookcountyhhs.org.

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