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News Release

Midtown Community Health Center Serves Clients In Davis County

(Farmington, Utah) – Midtown Community Health Center opens their new primary care facility in Davis County on Nov. 1, 2007. This collaboration between the Davis County Health Department and Midtown provides comprehensive primary and oral healthcare services to more than 4,300 underserved community residents.

According to Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department, “This alliance with the community health center serves Davis County citizens as a significant resource in overcoming barriers to healthcare access by low-income and uninsured residents.”

“Midtown, with sites in Ogden, has seen a tremendous growth in the need for primary healthcare services,” said Lisa Nichols, executive director for the Midtown Community Health Center. “Midtown’s patient population has grown from 2,873 in 1994 to more than 15,000 in 2006. Davis County has more than 1,000 low-income or uninsured residents traveling to Ogden for healthcare,” she said.

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Eleven percent of Davis County residents report having poor health, said Nichols. “In some areas of the county, more than 35% of community residents are uninsured and 16% are dissatisfied and unable to use their benefits due to high deductibles and co-pays.”

“This partnership allows both agencies to maximize resources,” said Garrett. “We provide a low-cost lease to Midtown and they provide consultative services to the health department. Together, our two agencies ensure that affordable healthcare resources are available to community residents,” he said.

The services are funded by a renewable three-year \$1.8 million federal grant to Midtown from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Nichols said.

Midtown co-located its medical services with the Davis County Health Department main office in Farmington at the Davis County Memorial Courthouse Annex building, 50 East State Street. The center’s medical clinic telephone number is 451-3711. No appointments are necessary for most medical services provided by Midtown. Oral health services have been open since mid-October in Layton at 360 South Fort Lane, Building #3, Suite A. The dental clinic’s appointment number is 543-3327.

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at Midtown’s Farmington location.

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