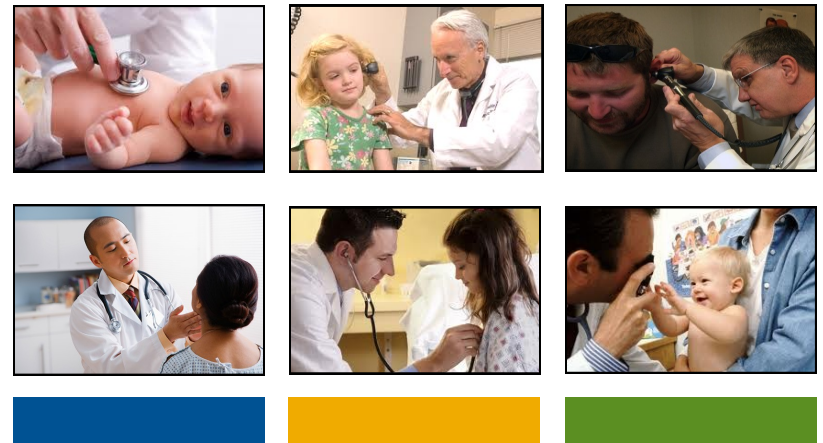




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2011 Annual Report



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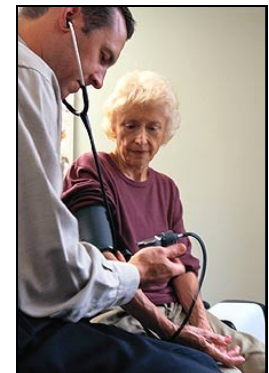
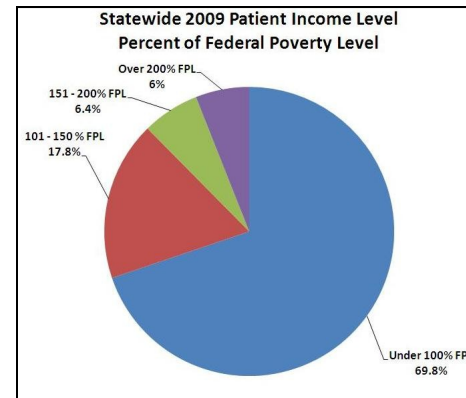
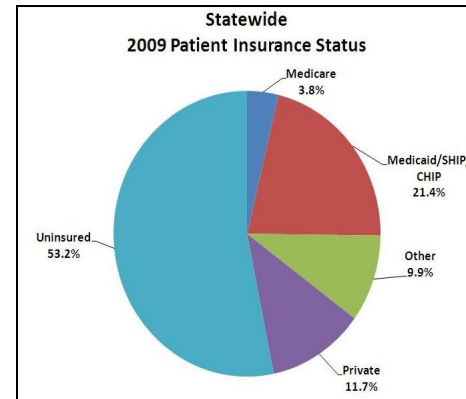
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Kansas Primary Care Safety Net Clinic Yearly Data

2009 Statewide Totals

Total Patients Seen by Kansas Safety Net Clinics	223,124
Total Visits at Kansas Safety Net Clinics	598,830
Medical	382,287
Dental	99,945
Behavioral	23,860



KAMU Members

Atchison Community Health Clinic, Atchison
Center for Health & Wellness, Wichita
Cheyenne County Clinic, St. Francis
Children's Mercy West, Cordell Meeks, Jr. Clinic, Kansas City
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Pittsburg
Community Health Council of Wyandotte County, Kansas City
Community Health Ministry Clinic, Wamego
Douglas County Dental Clinic, Lawrence
Duchesne Clinic, Kansas City
E.C. Tyree Health and Dental Clinic, Wichita
First Care Clinic, Hays
Flint Hills Community Clinic, Manhattan
Flint Hills Community Health Center, Emporia
GraceMed Health Clinic, Wichita
Greeley County Health Services, Sharon Springs
Guadalupe Clinic, Wichita
Health Care Access, Lawrence
Health Ministries Clinic, Newton
Health Partnership Clinic, Overland Park
Heart of Kansas Family Health Care, Great Bend
Heartland Medical Clinic at Leo Center, Lawrence
Hunter Health Clinic, Wichita
Johnson County Health Department, Olathe
Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program, Topeka
Konza Prairie Community Health Center, Junction City
KU Health Partners/Silver City Health Center, Kansas City
Marian Clinic, Topeka
Mercy and Truth Medical Missions, Kansas City
Mercy Health Systems: Arma, Cherryvale, and Linn County, Cherryvale
Montgomery County Community Clinic (MC3), Independence
Mother Mary Anne Immediate Care Clinic, Wichita
PrairieStar Health Center, Hutchinson
Rawlins County Dental Clinic, Rawlins
Riley County Community Health Center, Manhattan
St. Gianna Health Clinic, Kingman
Saint Vincent Clinic, Leavenworth
Salina Family HealthCare Center, Salina
Shawnee County Health Agency and Community Health Center, Topeka
Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care, Kansas City
Swope Health Wyandotte & Swope Health West, Kansas City
Turner House Children's Clinic, Kansas City
United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries, Garden City

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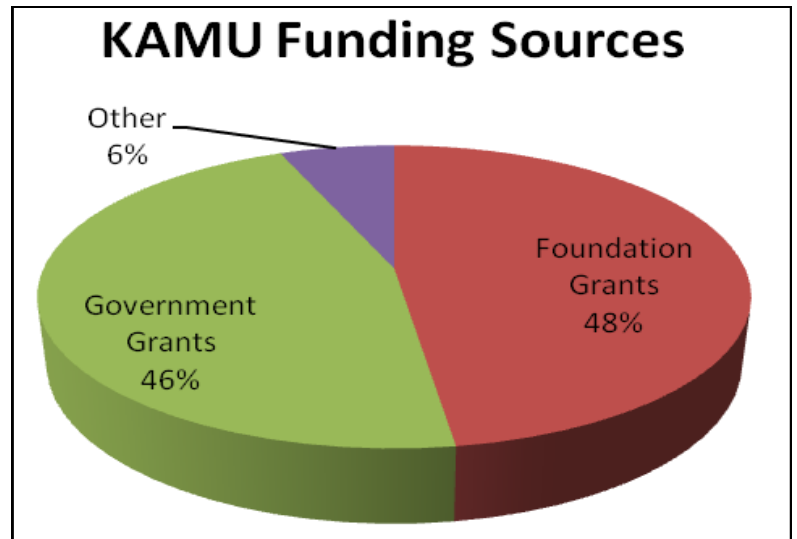
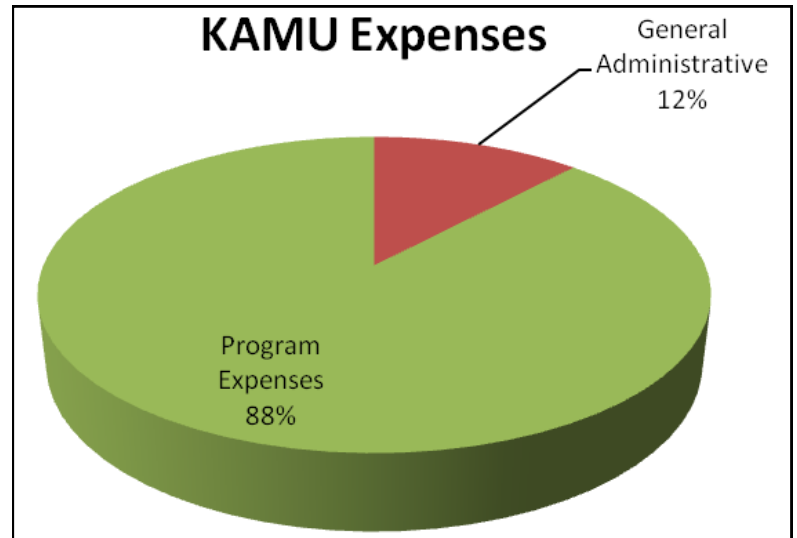
Primary care health centers are the most effective, long term solution for meeting primary health care needs in medically underserved areas.





Investments in Safety Net Clinics will produce rapid economic gains in communities in employment and improved health.

Financial Information



Current Assets \$1,632,364
Fixed Assets: \$ 0
Other Assets: \$ 0
Total Assets: \$1,632,364

Current Liabilities: \$1,377,498
Net Assets: \$ 254,866
Total Liabilities: \$1,633,364

KAMU Board of Directors

President: Krista Postai

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (Pittsburg)

Vice President: Dave Sanford

GraceMed Health Clinic (Wichita)

Secretary: Amanda Lowe

Health Partnership Clinic (Overland Park)

Treasurer: Amy Falk

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(Kansas City and Leavenworth)

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Julie Branstrom

Douglas County Dental Clinic (Lawrence)

Liz Conrade

Flint Hills Community Health Center (Emporia)

Mary Virden

KU Health Partners/Silver City Health Center (Kansas City)

Stephanie Waggoner

United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries (Garden City)

Lee Wolf

Konza Prairie Community Health Center (Junction City)

In 2010 KAMU completed its 21st year of service to primary care communities in need. Our mission is to support and strengthen our member organizations through advocacy, education and communication.

Founded in 1989 and incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 1990, the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) became recognized nationally as the Primary Care Association (PCA) of Kansas in 1991. As the PCA, KAMU represents 45 members, including 41 safety net clinics. In this capacity, KAMU represents a diverse group of organizations. Membership includes public and private nonprofit primary care clinics; Federally Qualified Health Centers; local health departments; and the Statewide Farmworker Health Program.

KAMU's purpose is to grow and strengthen safety net clinics so that all Kansans will have a health care "home." This home is a place where people receive comprehensive primary, dental and behavioral health care. Comprehensive means it covers the spectrum of preventive, acute and chronic health care needs. In addition, this primary health care home is defined by sustained relationships. Clients of these clinics receive care from people who know them. Together, they create a partnership for healthy lifestyles.

KAMU membership includes 39 member clinics with 26 satellite sites for a total of 65 access points. Fourteen are Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), one is an FQHC Look-Alike, and 25 are Primary Care Clinics (PCC). Among these clinics, 17 sites provide comprehensive services that include medical, dental and behavioral health services. KAMU also includes four members that support our mission but do not provide direct primary care services.

In 2009 the 39 Safety Net Clinics in Kansas provided primary medical care to more than 223,000 Kansans.

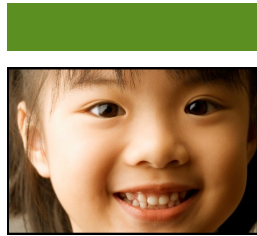
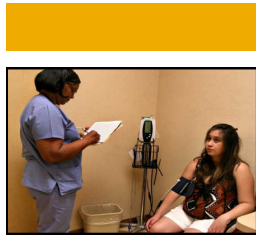
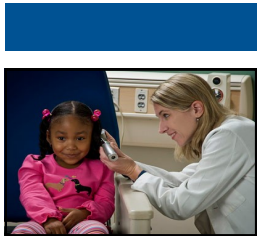
This Annual Report is a summary of our activities and accomplishments for the 2010 fiscal year.

Real People, Real Stories

"I've been seen in the clinic since I was 10 years old and now I bring my children here because of the cost of taking them to a family practice. It would cost me more than I have and because I'm a low income parent, it is very difficult to pay for medical care."
~S.D.
**United Methodist Mexican-American Ministry
Garden City**

"This clinic is the only source of health care I receive. I was diagnosed with a critical disease 12 years ago, and only survived due to the assistance of this clinic."
~S.H.
**Marian Clinic
Topeka**

"Without this clinic, I could not get health care for my family. Not everyone has insurance - especially my children and I couldn't pay the out of pocket expenses at a regular medical clinic. Safety net clinics are much needed."
~S.A.
**Turner House Children's Clinic
Kansas City**



KAMU Staff

**Executive Director
Cathy Harding**

**Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer
Kendra Poole**

**Chief Quality Officer
Chris English**

**Chief Resource Officer
Cayla Wright**

**Chief Information Officer
Dan Elliott**

**Director of Governmental Affairs
Connie Hubbell**

**Research & Development Associate
Sharon Barfield**

**Member Resource Coordinator
Heather Dirk**

**Communications Coordinator
Dawna Street**

**Administrative Assistant
Kari Mwathi**



Membership Services

At the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) our focus is the delivery of quality programs and resources that match the needs of our members and communities. Each year we survey our membership to help determine programs and technical assistance focus areas. We also rely upon the Board of Directors, comprised of the leadership from 10 member organizations, for the types of services we should offer.

Programs at KAMU fall into six main areas. Each of these areas has been developed to respond to the needs of Safety Net Clinics. They are:

- Advocacy and Legislative Affairs
- Clinical Programs
- Training and Continuing Education
- Information Dissemination
- Technical Assistance
- Networking

A major accomplishment for KAMU was the 2010 Annual Conference “A Changing Climate...An Emerging Opportunity” which was held September 22-24, 2010, and was widely attended by 81 individuals from 30 member clinics and 14 non-member clinics. The conference provided training sessions that included Internal Fraud, Health Information Technology, Panel on State Budget Update and Health Reform, Recruitment and Retention, Quality Improvement, and Health Policy Panel. Patricia Moten Marshall, President of SynerChange, Chicago was the featured keynote speaker. She spoke on managing change.

Our 16 sponsors and 15 exhibitors were instrumental in ensuring the success of our conference.

The KAMU website provides members with access to the National Association of Community Health Centers, Department of Health and Human Services, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Health Policy Authority, Kansas Health Institute, VIP Resource Programs and Services, Career Opportunities and Upcoming Events.

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“I am very thankful that this clinic is here. Being without health insurance, it is difficult for my family and I to receive care when needed, especially on a limited budget. The doctors and nurses genuinely care about my needs and have done a wonderful job to help me get better. More clinics like this are needed; clinics that don’t look at you as a dollar sign, but as a person in need of care.”

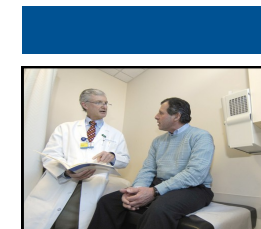
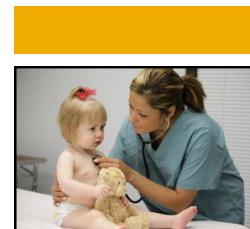
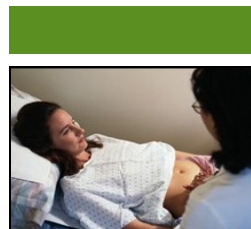
~K.F.

**Mother Mary Anne Immediate Care Clinic
Wichita**

“We have been coming to Dr. Lee for 21 years. The quality of care is 110%. She is very busy now, but she takes the time to listen to what is wrong and treats you in a very professional way. She makes you feel like you are a friend and you hang out until you are called. She has so many things to do, but she makes time for you. Without this clinic, I would not have had care for the last seven years since I had to quit my job and lost my insurance. We appreciate this clinic and the carried services that are available.”

~B.F.

**Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care
Kansas City**



A message from the KAMU President of the Board of Directors



Krista Postai
KAMU Board President,
from Community Health Center
of Southeast Kansas

Many called 2010 the year of health reform. In reality, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was the beginning of a transformation of the American health care system in which all of us will play a critical part. The “safety net” system of primary care clinics and health centers across Kansas must prepare for the next wave heading our way. New federal funding and continued state support must be maximized. Innovative ways to integrate care, increase productivity and ensure quality must be explored.

Governor Sam Brownback, on a pre-inaugural visit to a health center this January, recognized our role saying, “This is the model of the future... We’re dealing with the whole person and at the

end, two things happen – the quality of care to the recipient goes up and the cost to the public sector goes down and it is models like this that allows us to do both.” Our patients, our state and our nation are looking to us as the “first responders” during these challenging times. To do what we do best...and more of it...for more people.

It is essential that we continue to do this in partnership with each other and especially those who have supported us – our state association, the funders and foundations, the legislators and community leaders, our staff members, and those we serve. Our jobs have never been harder, our clinics never busier. While we touched the lives of more than 223,000 in 2010, this was just the beginning of what must follow in the coming years.

We are a vital part of the most exciting time in the history of American healthcare and each and every one of us has work to do to fulfill the promise of healthcare for all.

**The dream is reality.
Now the real work must begin.**

A message from the KAMU Executive Director



Cathy Harding
KAMU Executive Director

Health care is a hot topic. At the federal level, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law in 2010, and repeal efforts are now underway by some members of Congress. A number of states are engaged in legal action, believing that the ACA is unconstitutional. Some Americans believe that the ACA does too much to reform the health care system – others not enough. Debate on the issue is a common occurrence, and often heated. At the state level, a new Governor and cabinet are in place, and significant changes are planned for Kansas health agencies.

The only thing those of us in the health care world can say with certainty as we look ahead is that almost nothing is certain.

Even with all the changes occurring, one thing remains constant. Our health centers and clinics continue to provide comprehensive, quality and affordable health care for people who need it. Another constant is the continuing increase in the number of people who choose our clinics as their health care home. Kansas clinics served nearly 32% more people in the past two years – totaling 223,124 – and this trend is projected to continue.

During a time when our state and federal government are looking for ways to reduce health care costs, our clinics truly are an excellent investment. Nationally, for example, federally funded Community Health Centers reduce costs to Medicaid by approximately 30% per beneficiary as a result of fewer hospitalizations and emergency room visits. State funds dedicated to our clinics result in nearly a 10:1 return on investment.

Administrators of the Oregon Health Plan once placed a sign on the wall that read: “Cost, access, quality – pick any two.” Fortunately for Kansans, thanks to the continuing growth of our member health centers and clinics, we can have all three.