



Vision Statement

Central Texas is a model healthy community.

Mission Statement

Promote the health and wellness of the residents of our community, especially the uninsured and underinsured, by working together to ensure access to a full range of coordinated healthcare services.

The Travis County Healthcare District is responsible for utilizing tax dollars and other funds to arrange for the healthcare of individuals residing in Travis County who lack access healthcare services and who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The district also considers its role as that of a community steward in order to leverage and collaborate with community partners to improve the health status of all members of the community.

Fiscal Year 2007 Priorities

- **Expand Urgent Care Capacity**
 - Create additional opportunities for patients in the safety net system to access care when needed both at the Community Health Centers by increasing existing after-hours capacity and by funding urgent care services near Brackenridge Hospital to move non-emergent care away from the emergency room.
- **Increase Specialty Care Services**
 - Expand the use of existing specialty care contracts to improve access to care for designated specialty services. The first pilot using contracted services is for diabetic eye screening in February 2007. Current wait times for routine diabetic eye screenings at Brackenridge clinic exceed 12 months. Our goal is develop access to services within 60 days. Other specialty services are expected to be contracted using a similar model. In addition, a thorough assessment of the specialty care needs of the medically underserved residents of Travis County will be conducted to direct future efforts toward closing the identified gaps in service.
- **Mental Health Crisis Services Expansion**
 - Fund the equivalent of 4 inpatient mental health beds serving approximately 300 individuals per year in order to increase access to services for unfunded patients and avoid overuse of the Austin State Hospital. Make additional investments in mental health services that are provided in the Community Health Centers through funding 4 additional behavioral health consultants and one additional psychiatrist for the Centers.
- **Community Care Services Division Transition**
 - Begin a multi-year transition of the operations of 15 Community Health Centers serving approximately 50,000 patients annually from the City of Austin to the District, including developing an infrastructure within the District to support the provision of those services as well as the approximately 400 employees who provide those services.

