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Heart of Ohio Family Health Receives Resilience Initiative Funding from The City of Columbus and Franklin County Board of Commissioners

COLUMBUS, Ohio—New services and exam rooms for patient care are now available at Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFH) thanks to Resilience Initiative Funding from The City of Columbus and Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the City of Columbus and Franklin County Resilience Initiative, HOFHC received \$337,763 to support critical healthcare services and increase access to the underserved in our community.

“We wanted to help the human services sector bounce back. Basically, helping the helpers,” quoted Resilience Initiative Coordinator Kim Stands in the July 10, 2020 Resilience Initiative Webinar.

The pervasive COVID-19 pandemic made a lasting impact on HOFH as personnel, personal protective equipment and other clinical resources were stretched thin. With the resilience funding, HOFH was able to quickly respond to staff and patient needs.

“This funding gave our team the opportunity and space to dedicate to our patients,” said Chief Executive Officer Dr. Buhari Mohammed.

HOFH used the funding to renovate existing space and add resources that will help provide additional services for safe, patient-centered care, including:

- Converted existing administrative offices into patient service rooms including:
 - two rooms for Community Health Workers,
 - one exam room for a Mental Health Provider,
 - three exam rooms for Family Practice,
 - one exam room for an Obstetrics Nurse Intake, and
 - two rooms for Registered Nurse Care Coordinators
- Expanded existing space for larger Call Center to accommodate influx of calls about COVID-19 testing and vaccinations
- Hired a staff person to conduct Temperature Screening on all patients and staff as well as provide additional cleaning services in waiting rooms

To see the renovations, check out <https://youtu.be/LxA1kYQx9E0>.



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About Heart of Ohio Family Health

Heart of Ohio Family Health (HOFHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health care provider committed to serving all groups, ethnicities, and communities in Central Ohio since 2003. Operating as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we offer services in primary care, pediatrics, behavioral health, substance use disorder, OBGYN, diagnostic laboratory, pharmacy, dietetics & nutrition, and interpretation.

To read all of Heart of Ohio Family Health COVID-19 news updates, visit <https://heartofohiofamilyhealth.org/our-community/covid-19-updates>.

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