

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Family Health Center of Ozona as the February Business of the Month

Family Health Center of Ozona is a Rural Health Clinic, currently operating under the direction of Shannon Clinic in San Angelo, Texas. The purpose of the Rural Health Clinic is to provide access to primary care in underserved rural areas. Rural Health Clinics are required to use a team approach of physicians and midlevel practitioners such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives to provide services. They are also required to provide out-patient primary care services and basic laboratory services.

The clinic currently staffs two providers on a full time basis; Dr. Marcus Sims, D.O., and Buren "Ike" Whitten, P.A.-C. The clinic employs 7 registered nurses; Martha Vickers, Cristina Gutierrez, Linda Coates, Ada Castilleja, Beth Sims, Martha Alvarez and Manual Tobias, and 3 licensed vocational nurses; Nadine Johnson, Kary Johnson and Susan Bilano. We have 1 certified med tech, Melory Galindo, and 7 nursing assistants. Those include Felix Trujillo, Juanita Delarosa, Jennifer Vitela, Adrienne DeHoyos and Candace Luna. Emergency Medical Technician's Diane Miller and Rita Rios work in the capacity of nursing assistants as well. Our two x-ray technician's are Connie Arredondo and Jennifer Vitela and 1 Medical Technologist, Josephine Lara. The front office is staffed by Jackie Necessary, Certified Professional Coder, Elisa Martinez, Receptionist and Millie Grannis, Clerk.

Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A doctor and PA are both on-site during that time to take care of any illnesses that may present. Apart from routing medical care, we do a variety of physicals during clinic hours such as DOT physicals, Texas Healthstep, employment, Headstart, sports and insurance physicals. The clinic offers children's immunizations one afternoon per week, and have flu pneumonia and Tetanus vaccines available to adults on an as-needed basis. The clinic maintains a fully staffed moderate complexity lab department for any diagnostic testing that our providers choose to do as well as an on-site x-ray department. Although there is a radiologist on-site, the x-ray department is linked up to Shannon Health Systems and x-rays are read by a radiologist there.

"After 5:00 p.m., our clinic area closes and our urgent care staff takes over. An RN and nursing assistant are on-site all night long, and either a doctor or PA is on call. We also have a lab and x-ray tech on call. We maintain a close working relationship with our local EMS and Shannon Airmed, so if your particular situation requires more specialized care than we can give then you will be taken to a hospital for further evaluation and care," said Susan Bilano, Vocational Nurse and Director.

"If you are looking for a home for your medical care, then we invite you to come see us. We promise you that upon your arrival you will be greeted by smiling faces, and will be given the utmost quality healthcare possible. We are located at 104 North Avenue H (Catty corner to the Lions football stadium). We can be reached at 325/392-3788," said Susan.

"We are honored to be chosen as the Business of the Month. We appreciate the support of the community, and we especially appreciate those patients and families who entrust their care to us," said Susan.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Family Health Center for their long time service and contribution to Ozona, in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.



Left to right front row: Susan Bilano, Millie Grannis, Connie Arredondo, Josie Lara, Melory Galindo, Nadine Johnson. Back row: Jackie Necessary, Elisa Martinez, Dr. Buren "Ike" Whitten Dr. Marcus Sims.