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Opportunity to serve the community in Anderson Valley:

Anderson Valley Health Center (AVHC) is a small rural Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in Boonville, CA 2 1/2 hours north of San Francisco in a beautiful valley known for its pinot noir grapes and homesteading families. We are a unique independent non-profit community health center founded in 1976 by our current Medical Director (Dr. Mark Apfel) and his cousin (Franklin Apfel). We are a Primary Care Medical Home offering “one-stop shopping” to our residents for whom we are the sole medical, dental and behavioral health provider.

Additionally, we run a small medication dispensary for our patients. Dr. Mark Apfel is board certified in Palliative care and has been an advocacy leader in CA on the POLST initiative. He has completed the California Healthcare Foundation’s (CHCF) healthcare leadership program and continues to play an active role in supporting current participants of the program. We have one psychologist who has been at AVHC for seven years as well as our dental director who has also been here for seven years and emphasizes children’s dental care. Our team provides truly integrated and collaborative care for our patients.

Our patient population consists of about 40% seasonal and migrant farm workers of Mexican decent, 20% seniors whom are some of the original homesteaders of the valley and have a strong desire to age-in-place, and the rest of our patients who make up the valley’s diverse and creative population of back-to-the-landers, artists, farmers, foodies, truckers, loggers and more. We provide primary care, urgent care and emergency care as well as x-ray and soon ultrasound services. We are beginning a prenatal program for our small population of pregnant women (roughly 20 per year) so that they can access early prenatal care in the valley. We see many children for urgent care and are reaching out to parents to encourage them to bring their children to our practice for pediatric care (The closest pediatric practice is 30-40 minutes away). We are also heavily involved in providing health services in the schools and provide the school nurse, reproductive health classes, vision and hearing screenings, fitness and nutrition counseling and BMI data collection.



AVHC participates in the National Health Student Loan Repayment program and our medical HPSA score is 15 though we are working to have it reviewed as our scores for Behavioral Health and Dental are slightly higher. We are participating in Partnership Healthcare Plan’s Physician

recruitment plan and recruitment bonus as well as moving and housing support may be available. We are searching for a qualified Board Certified Family Practice Physician.

An opportunity to join Anderson Valley is open to someone interested in understanding the challenges faced by being the only medical provider in a rural area, someone who is interested in developing new strategies to reaching the farm working population, someone who may be interested in providing urgent care, caring for dying patients including conducting home visits and someone who truly wishes to practice a community model of whole-person healthcare. We look forward to receiving any interested applicants. Please contact Chloe Guazzone-Rugebregt at (707) 895-3477 x 102 if you are interested in our program.