

Summary of TJHD Clinic @ Yancey

For Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Since the closure of B.F. Yancey Elementary School, Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) staff have been attending community meetings and providing financial support for community events in Esmont. During these transition conversations, community members identified the need for a clinical space in the Yancey Community Center that could be used by multiple organizations to provide clinical and public health services. Specific services that were requested/identified included physical therapy, mental health, WIC, family planning, and sexual health. In response to this community interest, TJHD applied for and received a \$47,676 family planning grant to fund the launch of a health department clinic at the Yancey Community Center. TJHD used this initial funding to purchase equipment and supplies needed to open a clinic site as well as to hire and train a part-time contract Community Health Worker/Office Services Support Specialist (CHW/OSS) who is from the Esmont community.

Once open, the clinic will offer a monthly family planning clinic, currently planned for the third Thursday of every month. TJHD also anticipates offering testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) through our Test and Go program and rapid HIV/Hepatitis C testing through our #TJStatus program. TJHD will also be assessing the need for other health department services, such as vaccinations, WIC, and vital records, once the clinic is up and running. The CHW/OSS will be onsite 20 hours/week to provide information and referrals, greet visitors to the space, schedule appointments, conduct community outreach, support community events, and to work with community members and partner agencies to assess need and offer other services on-site, such as education classes.

In collaboration with the Yancey Community Center Coordinator, TJHD will be reaching out to other community partners to make the space available to other organizations in need of a clinical space and will specifically be focusing on physical therapy services. CVHS – Southern Albemarle (Southern Albemarle Family Practice) already offers integrated primary and mental health care and is a critical partner in health care access. TJHD will continue to work closely with them to ensure that our clinical services complement each other and to identify ways that they can use the space if needed. While the CHW/OSS position is based in the Yancey Community Center, we anticipate this position will work closely with all of the community groups and coalitions active in the Southern Albemarle region to meet community health education needs and support public health services and access.