ENHANCING ACCESS TO CARE

WE’RE HERE IN THE SOUTH BRONX AT CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND’S VERY FIRST PROGRAM SITE AND WE’RE HERE TO CELEBRATE ON THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP AND TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED. OUR MISSION IS REALLY VERY SIMPLE. WE WANT TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST-QUALITY HEALTH CARE REACHES CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IS WHAT WE DO, AND WE GO THE EXTRA MILE TO MAKE SURE IT HAPPENS. AND GOING THE EXTRA MILE MEANS THAT WE BRING OUR MOBILE CLINICS RIGHT TO WHERE KIDS LIVE, WHERE THEY LEARN, WHERE THEY PLAY, AND WE DO THAT IN A VERY COMMUNITY-INTEGRATED AND -ORIENTED WAY. THIS IS ACTUALLY A ROOM WHERE THE PATIENTS ARE SCREENED BY THE PROVIDERS. YOU COULD TALK TO THE DOCTOR ABOUT VARIOUS CONDITIONS OR WHAT IT IS EXACTLY THAT YOU NEED, JUST LIKE YOU WOULD DO AT YOUR REGULAR PHYSICAL. THE DOCTOR CAN ORDER CERTAIN BLOOD TESTS TO BE DONE. THEY CAN ORDER CERTAIN SCREENINGS. THEY CAN ORDER REFERRALS FOR THE PATIENTS TO SEE SPECIALISTS THAT THEY NEED TO. THEY CAN ALSO ORDER NUTRITION, MENTAL HEALTH, WHATEVER IT IS THAT THE PATIENT NEEDS, JUST LIKE AT OUR REGULAR PHYSICIAN’S OFFICE. WE DO MORE THAN JUST MEDICAL CARE. SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES WE OLY HAVE PROVIDERS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND DOCTORS DOING BASIC PRIMARY CARE BUT SO OFTEN A PATIENT COMES IN COMPLAINING ABOUT ONE ISSUE AND THEN WE FIND OUT THERE’S SO MANY OTHER ISSUES. SO, WE REALLY SEE OURSELVES AS A ONE-STOP SHOPPING TO REALLY HELP THIS FAMILY SUCCEED. INNOVATION AT CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND STARTED FROM DAY ONE. WE WERE THE PIONEERS OF THE MEDICAL HOME HOUSE CALL AND THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH HENRY SCHEIN [SHINE] IS GOING TO CONTINUE THAT INNOVATION. TOGETHER, CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING, GETTING TO PLACES WHERE WE COULDN’T GO ALONE, GETTING THERE TOGETHER AND MAKING SURE THE KIDS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY CARE THAT THEY NEED, THAT’S REALLY WHERE WE’RE GOING TO. HENRY SCHEIN IS REALLY HELPING HELP HAPPEN BY DELIVERING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS THAT PROVIDERS NEED THROUGHOUT THE U-S EVERY SINGLE DAY. CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND AND THEIR I-D-M AFFILIATES ARE HELPING HELP HAPPEN BY DELIVERING CARE TO THE MOST NEEDY OF POPULATIONS. WE’RE BOTH DELIVERING. ONE’S DELIVERING PRODUCTS AND THE OTHER ONE’S DELIVERING CARE. TO SEE THE PARTNERSHIP COME TOGETHER, THE STRATEGIES THAT WE WORKED ON OVER THE LAST YEAR, CULMINATE TO THIS MORNING AND GETTING A CHANCE TO WALK ON THE MOBILE CLINIC AND GET A TOUR OF IT AND FIND OUT THAT IT ACTUALLY HAS SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN’S OFFICE HAS AND SO TO KNOW THAT THAT LEVEL OF CARE IS GOING TO GO TO THE UNDERSERVED AND SPECIFICALLY IN THIS AREA TO CHILDREN IN NEED, IT’S JUST A FANTASTIC TIME. WHEN I LOOK TO THE FUTURE, I SEE A FUTURE TOGETHER WITH HENRY SCHEIN AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH FUND. WE TOOK A WHILE TO GET TO THIS POINT. WE’VE WORKED TOGETHER. WE’VE IDEATED TOGETHER. WE’VE CREATED TOGETHER. AND FROM THIS FOUNDATION, THE FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT. I CAN SEE US REACHING MORE KIDS WITH MORE SERVICES IN MORE PLACES, NOT ONLY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS BUT MAYBE THE NEXT FORTY.