

2000 “Friend of Public Health Award” Recipient

Southwestern Medical Clinic, P.C.

List of Public Health Accomplishments and Collaborations

- **OB/GYN**
 - Late 1970s – early 1990s Southwestern Medical Clinic, PC fills gap by providing OB/GYN services to low income (often without insurance) and Medicaid populations at multiple sites throughout Berrien County
 - Southwestern Medical Clinic opened doors to Berrien County Health Department staff enabling comprehensive multi-disciplinary services to be provided to a high risk population
 - Southwestern Medical Clinic staff is supportive of Berrien County Health Department services that enhanced the health and quality of life for mothers, infants and children. Examples of this continued support were the referrals made to Maternal Support Services, Infant Support Services and Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program

- **Well Child Clinic**
 - 1970s – 1989 Southwestern Medical provided weekly physician coverage for Berrien County Health Department’s Well Child Clinics
 - Worked Closely with Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, nurses, social workers and registered dietitian in the program filling yet another “Service gap” in the community
 - Served as preceptors for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners in training – over 250 hours were given to help fulfill the requirements for the on-the-job training of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

- **School-Based Clinic (located at the Benton Harbor High School)**
 - Provided midwives to assist staff in delivering OB services at the School-Based Clinic
 - Berrien County Health Department unable to find Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Southwestern Medical Clinic assisted in locating a part-time physician to staff the clinic – this physician remains active with the clinic

- **Teen Prenatal Clinic**
 - Mid 1980’s Southwestern Medical Clinic assumed responsibilities of specialized teen prenatal clinic after founding physician leaves
 - Public spirited act allowed services to continue

- **Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT-Medicaid Program)**
 - 1970s – early 1990s Southwestern Medical Clinic demonstrates continuing commitment to the health of the community by willingly accepting referrals from Berrien County Health Department's EPSDT Program

- **Infectious Disease**
 - Southwestern Medical Clinic has provided and continues to provide infectious disease physicians who render medical services for the TB and HIV/AIDS programs
 - Physicians assigned to these clinics have contributed countless hours of consultation services to public health nurses who manage the TB program

- **Other Collaborations**
 - Long history of providing medical direction from Berrien County Health Department
 - Performs pre-employment physicals for County of Berrien employees
 - Representation on Berrien County Health Department's Board of Health
 - Pediatrician serves on Berrien County's Child Death Review Team