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# Press Release

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## **HRSA administrator to award \$2.2 million for expansion of health services in Oklahoma**

**OKLAHOMA CITY OK** - Health Resources and Services Administrator, Dr. Elizabeth M. Duke will present New Access Point and High Poverty County New Access Point Grant checks totaling more than \$1.4 million on Friday, September 28, 2007 to Community Health Centers, Inc., Comanche County Hospital Authority and Great Salt Plains Health Center. The funding is provided by HRSA to increase access to health care services for low-income and uninsured patients and ensure the availability of comprehensive primary medical care in Oklahoma.

The presentation will be made at the Community Health Centers Inc. office located at the Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center, 12716 Northeast 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Spencer. Community Health Centers, Inc. is the sponsor of Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center, Healing Hands Health Care Services for the Homeless, Central Oklahoma Healthy Start, and Mary Mahoney Health Center at Langston.

According to Rosalyn Johnson, Chief Executive Officer for Community Health Centers, "funding for this new access point to be located in the northeast quadrant of central Oklahoma City will be used in

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conjunction with support from state and local partners to provide a medical home for the community at large".

A fourth grant check for \$750,000 will be presented to Stigler Health and Wellness Center located in Sequoyah County in a separate ceremony Thursday evening.

Dr. Duke was named administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration on March 6, 2002, after serving as acting administrator the previous year. HRSA is one of 10 public health agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The agency uses its \$6.6 billion annual budget (FY 2006) to expand access to quality health care for all Americans through an array of grants to state and local governments, health care providers and health professions training programs. The nation's 3,750 health centers and clinics deliver high-quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

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