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Historical Milestones

1983 - 2009

1983

The Institute for Urban Family Health is established as a nonprofit organization and opens its first office in the Bronx. The organization is incorporated in 1985.

1984

The Institute receives a grant to open the **Faculty Development Program in Urban Primary Care** to train future health care leaders in administration, educational theory, and precepting skills, and to increase the number of family physicians teaching in urban areas.

1985

The Institute opens the **Bronx-Lebanon Department of Family Medicine** and the **Bronx-Lebanon Residency in Urban Family Medicine** and **Ambulatory Care Unit** at **Bronx-Lebanon Hospital**. It is the second family medicine program in the Bronx.

1986

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union selects the Institute to assume management of the union's Sidney Hillman Health Center at 16th Street in Manhattan. Our administrative offices move to 16th Street; the health center is renamed **Sidney Hillman Family Practice** and is staffed by family physicians and family nurse practitioners.

1990

Care for the Homeless funds the Institute's **Healthcare for the Homeless Project**. We provide medical care, social services, HIV outreach and health education at churches, shelters, and transitional residences in Manhattan.

Bronx-Lebanon Family Practice Center opens, followed by **Crotona Park Family Practice** and **MBD Family Practice**. The Institute operates these programs until 1999.

1991

In 1991, the Institute makes an organizational commitment to develop small health centers in partnership with community-based organizations, using the family practice model of care. From 1993 to 1998, five health centers open: **Parkchester Family Practice**, built in collaboration with the Bronx Health Plan; **Mt. Hope Family Practice**, built with the

Mount Hope Housing Company; **East 13th St. Family Practice**, built in concert with the H.E.L.P. organization; **Urban Horizons Family Health Center**, developed with the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDCO) and Bronx United Sisterhood Together; and **Walton Family Health Center**, built with the St. Edmund Episcopal Church and the Primary Care Development Corporation.



The Institute becomes the New York office of the **National Family Practice Education Program**. The program, which runs through 2000, offers guidance to students interested in becoming family physicians who are studying at medical schools without a department of family medicine.

1992

The Institute receives the first of four Ryan White CARE grants. Currently, we receive both **Ryan White Title I and Title II** funds to offer services to patients with HIV and AIDS and their caregivers. The program, called COMPASS, offers comprehensive medical, mental health, and social services.

1993

The Institute's president, Neil Calman, MD, receives the **Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award**, and later, the **PEW Charitable Trust Primary Care Achievement Award** and the **Public Health Award of the American Academy of Family Physicians**.



From 1993 to 1997, the Institute operates the first **Area Health Education Center (AHEC)** Program in New York State. The program expands opportunities for community-based clinical training and encourages youth from underrepresented backgrounds to learn about and pursue careers in health. In 2000, the Institute again becomes a lead organization in the AHEC system (see 2000).

1994

The Institute joins with Beth Israel Medical Center to open the **Beth Israel Department of Family Medicine**. The **Beth Israel Residency Program in Urban Family Practice** enrolls its first residents; **Phillips Family Practice**, the training site for the residency program, opens at the Institute's 16th Street building.

1995

A formal **Department of Social Services** is created with four social workers. Since then, the department's staff has grown to include social workers, health educators, and case managers as well as numerous interns.



An **Organizational Diversity Committee** is established. The committee develops Diversity Training Workshops that are mandatory for all staff.

1996

Yvonne Eisner, RN, C, FNP, vice president for nursing and quality assurance, is one of ten advanced practice nurses nationwide to be honored with the **Pfizer/APNSCAN Award for Exceptional Contributions to Health Care**.



The Institute receives a license to operate its own Medicaid managed care plan, **ABC Health Plan**. In 1997, ABC Health Plan becomes an independent corporation jointly owned by the Institute and Beth Israel Medical Center. The company is sold in 2005.

1997

The Institute is a key participant in the Bronx's successful bid for the prestigious **All American Cities Award**.

1999

Medical students from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Community Health Outreach program partner with the Institute to open the **Walton Free Clinic** to serve the growing ranks of the uninsured. In 2002, the **NYC Free Clinic** opens at the Sidney Hillman Family Practice in Manhattan. New York University medical students worked for three years to develop the clinic and obtain funding.



The Institute receives a **REACH 2010 (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health)** grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce racial disparities in health outcomes in diabetes and cardiovascular disease in the southwest Bronx. The Institute leads **Bronx Health REACH**, a coalition of faith-based, community, and healthcare organizations.

2000

The Institute is selected by the **New York State Area Health Education Center System** to serve as **New York Metropolitan Regional Office**. Over the following three years, the Institute helps develop three local AHEC offices: Bronx-Westchester AHEC, Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island AHEC, and Manhattan-Staten Island AHEC. The AHECs promote diversity in the healthcare workforce and service in underserved communities.



From 2000 to 2006, The Institute and Continuum Health Partners contract to form **Continuum Family Practice Management**, which assumed operation of six health centers formerly operated by HIP of New York.



Urban Horizons Family Health Center is the first Institute practice to receive community health center funds under the federal **PHS 330 Program**; soon after, all Institute practices receive 330 designation.

2001

We receive a three-year **Community Access Program** grant from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop an integrated health care delivery system for the uninsured through implementation of an electronic health record system and increased patient access to health insurance and specialty care.

2002

The Institute becomes the first freestanding health facility in New York State to implement an **electronic health record** system throughout its network, leading the way to extensive collaboration with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's **Primary Care Information Project, Syndromic Surveillance System**, and **Take Care New York Initiative**.

2003

The Institute, in collaboration with the Beth Israel Department of Family Medicine, opens the **Washington Irving High School Health Center**.



Walton Family Health Center's **Dental Department** opens in the Bronx.

2004

Our seven health centers receive **JCAHO (Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)** certification.



Five-hundred Bronx residents go to Albany with Bronx Health REACH to share REACH's **Statewide Advocacy Agenda to eliminate racial disparities in health** with 92 state legislators.

2005

The Institute and Bronx Health REACH release a monograph titled **"Separate and Unequal: Medical Apartheid in New York City"** at a press conference attended by 300 people at Bronx Borough Hall.

The Institute and its Bronx Health REACH partners receive a grant from the **NIH National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities** to study the success of its faith-based outreach initiative to eliminate racial disparities in diabetes.

2006

The Institute, Bronx Health REACH, and its sister program, Bronx Healthy Hearts, celebrate the success of the **"1% or Less" campaign**, resulting in a decision to eliminate whole milk from public school cafeterias citywide.



Dr. Neil Calman wins the prestigious **2006 Physician's Information Technology Leadership Award**, presented annually by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society.



Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg visits the Institute to announce funding to expand health information technology in primary care centers in New York City.



The Institute acquires three health centers formerly operated by St. Christopher's, Inc.: **Amsterdam Center** in Manhattan; and **Westchester Avenue Center** and **River Center for Counseling** in the Bronx.

2007

We receive an **Article 31 license** from the New York State Office of Mental Health to provide counseling services at the River and Westchester Avenue health centers.



The Institute acquires the **Mid-Hudson Family Health Institute**, adding six health centers in Dutchess and Ulster counties, a residency training program in Kingston, and several community outreach programs to our network.



We change our name to **The Institute for Family Health** to reflect our service to communities outside of New York City.



The Institute receives the **2007 Davies Public Health Award** from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. The award is for outstanding use of electronic health record systems to improve safety and quality of care for our patients, and for improving public health through our participation in the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Syndromic Surveillance program.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention designates the Bronx Health REACH project as a **National Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED)**.



The Institute receives funds from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide patients with internet access to their own health records using **MyChart**, produced by Epic Systems.



Our partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Columbia University is designated a **Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics** by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

2008

The Institute is asked to lead the **New York State Health Foundation's Diabetes Campaign**, designed to improve clinical care, mobilize communities, and promote policy changes to prevent diabetes and reduce its impact on people's lives.



The Institute partnered with F.E.G.S. to operate **WeCARE** (Wellness, Comprehensive, Assessment, Rehabilitation and Employment) to provide medical and mental health assessments to public assistance recipients. Assessments help identify clinical barriers to employment and determine appropriate accommodations to promote the transition from welfare to work.



The Institute is one of four winners of a **New York Times Company Nonprofit Excellence Award** for the Excellent Use of Technology and Focus on Mission.



Dr. Neil Calman is a winner of the first annual **National Physician Advocacy Merit Award** given by the Institute on Medicine as a Profession (IMAP) and its partner, the Center on Medicine as a Profession (CMAP) at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. The award recognizes physician advocates for promoting the principles of civic engagement and medical professionalism.

