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### **Hidalgo Medical Services Patient Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Silver City, NM (December 5, 2016) On Tuesday, November 29, Arthur Veeder celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Silver City Community Health Center. He shared in the celebration with his caregiver, Pat Shanks, and his HMS medical services care team members, Clifton Rogers, Physician Assistant, and Kevin Amador, Medical Assistant.

Rogers asked the enthusiastic centenarian to come in for what Veeder thought was a routine appointment. Veeder was completely surprised to find a birthday celebration for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Veeder was very appreciative to the HMS team for recognizing his special day, and shared stories about his life with everyone during the party. Veeder's late wife was remembered during the celebration, and Veeder joked about his medical team encouraging him to have cake – something they usually don't give to their patients.

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### **Hidalgo Medical Services Recognizes 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Attack on Pearl Harbor**

Silver City, NM (December 7, 2016) Numerous commemoration events are taking place today to reflect upon, remember, and understand the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) and its employees recognize this momentous event. "I wish to recognize and thank all World War II veterans and their families for their service, courage, and the legacy they have shared with all of us," stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer.

According to today's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Blue Ribbon Committee Chairman, retired Navy Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, "As we look to the future, we each have an opportunity and a personal responsibility to invest in and commit to inspiring the leaders of tomorrow, using history to help empower choices that negate fateful outcomes."

To learn more about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, please visit <https://pearlharbor75thanniversary.com/the-75th-commemoration>.

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**Successful Get Yourself Tested (GYT) Interactive Event Coordinated by Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) at Cobre High School**

Silver City, NM (December 13, 2016) – With the support of school administration, and led by the staff of the Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) school-based clinic at Cobre High School and student members of its Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), a successful “Get Yourself Tested (GYT)” event took place on December 1 in the Cobre High School commons area.

“The purpose of the GYT event was to provide students at Cobre High School a better understanding of some of the medical and family support services that are available at the HMS Cobre Health Clinic,” stated Megan Lucic, HMS Physician Assistant at the Cobre Health Clinic. “The purpose of the Cobre High School SHAC is to educate the Cobre High School and District students on how to live healthier lives through healthier habits. The Cobre High School SHAC student leaders play a vital role in the lives of members of their school community,” added Melanie DeLaGarza, HMS Chief Clinic Administrator.

“According to the National Institutes of Health, students who have used school based health clinics (SBHCs) have been more satisfied with their health and engaged in a greater number of health-promoting behaviors than did students who did not use SBHCs,” stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer. “The HMS Cobre Health Clinic team works to provide Cobre High School students, faculty, staff, and community members with accessible, reliable, and confidential health, mental health, and family support services,” added Otero.

To learn more about the Cobre High School SHAC program, please contact Pamela Madrid, HMS Patient Specialist, at (575) 537-5069 or [pammadrid@hmsnm.org](mailto:pammadrid@hmsnm.org).

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**Dental Community Initiative Contributes to Inaugural Hidalgo and Grant County Dental Professionals Social Event in Silver City**

Silver City, NM (December 21, 2016) – As an initiative to improve and develop a network of dental professionals in Hidalgo and Grant counties, Kaiyra Salcido, DDS, HMS Chief Dental Officer, and her dental team coordinated a first-ever “Dental Social” on November 30. The event took place at the Silver City HMS Community Health Center conference room from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Light refreshments were served and everyone had a great time.

“It is vital that healthcare professionals collaborate in our tightknit community. I look forward to the next Dental Social happening and seeing more faces in the crowd,” stated Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer. “The HMS Dental Services team works to provide comprehensive dental care to all ages. Our mission is to provide total health integration and education, thereby, empowering our community to improve their quality of life,” added Salcido.

To learn how to network with other Hidalgo and Grant County dental professionals, please contact Jessica MacArthur, HMS Dental Administrative Manager, at (575) 597-2456 or via email at [jmacarthur@hmsnm.org](mailto:jmacarthur@hmsnm.org).

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### **Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residency Program Receives Reaccreditation**

Silver City, NM (December 29, 2016) – On June 9, 2016, the Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) Family Medicine Residency Program had its reaccreditation site visit from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). According to the ACGME, they are a “private, 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization that sets standards for U.S. graduate medical education (residency and fellowship) programs and the institutions that sponsor them, and renders accreditation decisions based on compliance with these standards.”

HMS is Hidalgo and Grant Counties’ only federally qualified community health center and serves approximately 16,000 patients every year. “The HMS Family Medicine Residency Program received its initial 3-year accreditation in May of 2013. Based off of the results from the site visit conducted in June, it remains a fully accredited residency program by the ACGME,” states Darrick Nelson, MD, HMS Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Residency Program Director.

“Recognized as New Mexico’s first teaching health center, the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program continues to develop as a regional and national leader in many aspects,” states Dan Otero, HMS Chief Executive Officer. “Providers in our community have come together and worked very hard over the last few years to ensure quality patient care and patient safety through our Family Medicine Residency Program,” adds Otero.

To learn more about the ACGME, please visit <http://www.acgme.org>. Please visit [www.hmsnm.org](http://www.hmsnm.org) to learn more about the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program.