We are proud to present our Annual Report for FY 2018-19 and to boast about the many programs and professionals AEH has serving the communities of the Mississippi Delta region. As we celebrate our 40th year, we thank the Board of Directors, staff, and you all for unwavering support of the Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center along this journey. I am honored to have been at the helm of this dynamic organization for 30 of those years.

Community health centers (CHCs) are non-profit, community-directed health care providers serving low income and medically-underserved communities. CHCs help close the healthcare gap in which so many of our citizens tend to fall. AEH makes a difference! Here are a few of those ways:

- improve access to primary and preventive care
- cost-effective, high quality care
- reduction of health disparities
- effective management of chronic illnesses
- improve birth outcomes
- create jobs and stimulate economic growth

I have seen many changes, improvements, patients helped, communities developed, and partnerships forged along the way. However, there are so many more ways that we hope to impact our community in the years to come.

Community leaders, board of directors, and healthcare providers have laid a strong foundation for us to build upon. We must move ahead boldly to make sure that none of this groundwork was in vain. We will seek and need your continued support and encouragement as we leap forward. We look forward to the future renovation of our new facility, planned public transit improvements, and partnering with Meharry Medical College to train our next generation of physicians. These are merely a few signs of the strength and long-term success of AEH’s vision for the future.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your CEO!

Yours Truly,

Aurelia Jones-Taylor
CEO
Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc., is a Section 330(e) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in the heart of the agricultural Mississippi Delta. Incorporated in the State of Mississippi on April 27, 1979 in honor of Dr. Aaron E. Henry, an African American pharmacist who served as a State Representative and civil rights activist from Clarksdale, MS, the organization was funded by Department of Health and Human Services and began service delivery in Clarksdale in August 1980.

After operating in Clarksdale for nearly 6 years, in response to an outcry from local residents, AEH opened a satellite center in Tunica, MS in 1986. Tunica, MS, then referred to as “Sugar Ditch” or “Little Ethiopia”, had deplorable living conditions and AEH wanted to be a part of the community efforts that were being undertaken to enhance the economic and health conditions of area residents. Therefore, the organization renovated a small storefront clinic and staffed it with two NHSC physicians. The response was enormous.

A new Board of Directors was elected in 1988, and Aurelia Jones-Taylor was hired as the new CEO the following year (June 1989). The CEO then selected a management team, and this team has worked together to develop multiple sites, services, and programs designed to alleviate health disparities and barriers to care. With nine (9) staff and a $900,000 grant to write, the work began with a mandate to improve the health center's image in the community.

In 1990, a new 3,400 sq. ft. facility in Clarksdale was renovated to accommodate the ever growing patient load, and users increased exponentially. During this time, the agency began to focus on recruiting additional professional and medical staff, as well as improving existing facilities. As the organization began to add on services and programs, it was quickly evident that space was inadequate at both sites.

AEH became the third member of the network of mobile-based clinics of the National Children's Health Fund, based in New York, NY, in 1991 and became one of only two agencies nationwide to receive a fully-equipped mobile medical unit from Hasbro Children’s Foundation. As part of this effort, the first school-based clinic was opened in Tunica in 1992, and it continues to operate to this day.

In efforts to continue to address the needs of the rural communities, Rural General Public Transportation was added in 1992 through the agency's Delta Area Rural Transit System (DARTS) program. The service began in 1990 with only two 15-passenger mini vans transporting patients to subspecialty care. The operation has grown to include 44 multi-passenger vehicles transporting local residents primarily to jobs, health care, elderly and disabled services, and other human services destinations. The program is federally funded through FTA Section 5311 and administered by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. To accommodate the program's need for space and maintenance, a facility on Highway 322 in Clarksdale was purchased and renovated into a Regional Maintenance Facility in 1995. Additionally, the health center established new points of service delivery, including a free-standing clinic in Friars Point, MS, and school-based clinics in Quitman County and Tallahatchie County. Only the Quitman County clinic remains open.

In 1999, AEH received a Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) expansion grant to open two additional clinics in Panola County – one in Batesville and the other in Como. Because of this expansion, the Board of Directors increased its size to thirteen members, and staff grew by 25. Another HRSA Capital Improvement Project was funded and AEH completed the construction of a 12,000 square foot replacement for its flagship site in Clarksdale, MS in May 2000.

From 2000 to 2010, the organization received funding for several major initiatives to improve access to oral health care, increase access to low cost prescription medication, operate a major network development program covering 41 counties and purchase a replacement mobile medical unit. AEH was the first to demonstrate use of multiple contract pharmacies in the state as part of a demonstration project with the Office of Pharmacy Affairs.

From 2011 to 2019, AEH added two new service delivery points in Coldwater, MS and Coahoma County Schools and added vision care, exercise therapy, and behavioral health care to its comprehensive array of services. The Ryan White HIV Early Intervention Program was funded in 2012 and currently serves 174 patients. Mobile medical units serve multiple school sites in all six counties. AEH is currently funded to address several chronic disease states and childhood obesity.

In 2020, AEH looks forward to relocating some of its administrative staff to a facility at 600 Ohio Ave., near the Clarksdale clinic. This facility consists of 17,500 sq. ft. of flexible space that will also include additional space for optometry and exercise therapy. The health center currently serves six rural counties in the northwest corner of the state, including Coahoma, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica. Currently, there are ten (10) sites in operation, including two mobile medical units serving multiple school systems, separate administration/transportation site, four primary care freestanding satellites, and three school-based clinics.
Our Mission
...to improve the health of people in the Mississippi Delta and delta hills communities by increasing access to integrated, comprehensive primary and preventive health care and related services, while also promoting economic development.

Administration

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Chief Medical Officer

Richard Sheriff
Chief Operating Officer

LaQuitta Green
Chief Financial Officer

Cheryl Henderson
Human Resources Director

Antionette Gray-Brown
Transportation Director

Tana P. Vassel, MBA
Director, Planning & Program Development
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Josephine P. Rhymes, Secretary Coahoma County

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Family Medicine, Clarksdale

Dr. Sheon Mendoza
Internal Med./Pediatrics, Clarksdale

Dr. Shawanda Agnew
Family Medicine, Coldwater

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Dental Director, Batesville

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Dentist, Clarksdale

Dr. Sidney Wilson
Optometrist, Clarksdale

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Quitman County

Georgia Tolliver-Greer
Tunica County

Bettye Hale
Tunica County

Julius Harris
Panola County

Jean Hooper
Tallahatchie County

Dennis Hoskins
Panola County

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Tate County

Abigail Dandridge-Means
Tate County

Rep. Orlando Paden
Coahoma County

Lydia Rios
Coahoma County

Rep. Tracey Rosebud
Tallahatchie County

Nurse Practitioners:
- Jamie Birge
- Mary Burnett
- Marcia Garrett
- Khalilah George
- Brittany Harris
- Erma Hawkins
- Roselyn Delaney-Magitt
- Anthony Newson
- Toria Shaw
- Linda Wright

LCSWs:
- Cherrelle Shorter
- Carolyn Quinn
Array of Services

- Behavioral Healthcare
- Care Coordination
- Diabetic Foot Care
- Disease State Management
- Drug Screenings
- Exercise Therapy
- Family Medicine
- Family Planning
- Health Education
- Health Screenings
- HIV Screening and Care
- Internal Medicine
- Mobile Health Services
- Nutrition
- Optometry
- Oral Health Care
- Outreach & Enrollment
- Pediatrics
- Public Transportation
- School-Based Services
- Social Services
- Sports Physicals
- Vision
- WIC Certification

Delta Area Rural Transit (DARTS)

A vital component of our ongoing mission is transportation. Through Delta Area Rural Transit System (DARTS), we make sure the people who need our services can access our services. The system operates every weekday and is part of the backbone of our operation. It’s just another way we show that we care. A fleet of 44 multi-passenger vehicles connects people with promising jobs, training opportunities, shopping centers, child-care centers, and human service agencies in Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica Counties.

Aaron E. Henry CHC’s Impact 2018 Report

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- Employees: 153
- Annual Budget: $13,407,274.59
- DARTS:
  - Number of trips: 138,183
  - Number of Vehicles: 44
- Grant Dollars: $7,726,487.00
- Payroll Total: $6,674,000.00
- Fringe Benefits: $1,169,000.00
- Health Fairs: 548
- Ryan White Program Clients: 124
- Other Initiatives: Number
  - Summer Camps: 309
  - Community Outreach: 4,478
School-Based Clinics

- Coahoma County High School (Clarksdale)
- Madison Palmer High School (Marks)
- Rosa Fort High School (Tunica)

Medical Mobile Unit

Clarksdale Clinic
800 Ohio Ave.
Clarksdale, MS

Tunica Clinic
1820 Peabody Ave.
Tunica, MS

Coldwater Clinic
643 W. Service Dr.
Coldwater, MS

Batesville Clinic
216 Hwy. 51 N.
Batesville, MS
CELEBRATING
40
YEARS OF
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
IN 2019