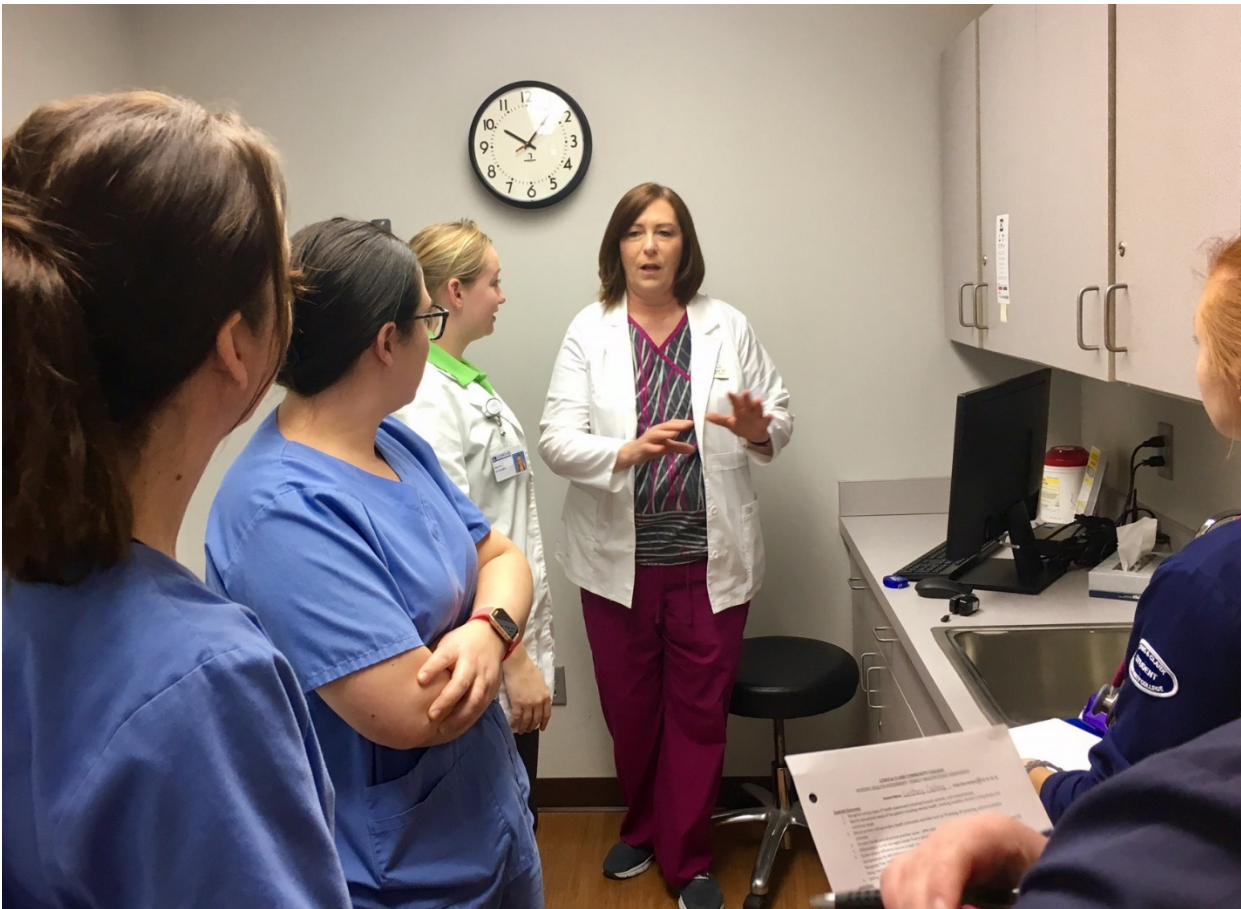


HRSA Grant Update

A grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) received in July 2015 has provided funding to develop an interprofessional collaborative (IPC) healthcare model for residents in the Lewis and Clark service area. Patients of the on-campus family health clinic (FHC) have access to multiple providers through this model, depending on diagnosis and needs. IPC services are provided at low or no cost, and a sampling of these value-added benefits include: dental exams and prophylaxis, nutrition counseling, fitness evaluations, and exercise plans. Similar services are provided on the clinic's mobile health unit (MHU), which provides outreach healthcare to underserved urban and rural areas in a four county region.

Through February 2017, 110 patients have received interprofessional referrals from the clinic's nurse practitioner, and 154 IPC patients have been seen on the mobile health unit at eight separate events. Unique to the clinic's IPC model is the inclusion of a clinical care coordinator, who helps patients access services and provides education, encouragement and follow-up.

Although, the main focus of the grant is to create a practice model, health science students also benefit by participating on the interprofessional care team when they perform clinical rotations in the FHC or MHU.



Clinical Care Coordinator, Barb Van Walleghen, provides a tutorial to nursing, dental hygiene, and occupational therapy assistant students in the LC Family Health Clinic.

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