NextGen Healthcare Client La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc., Receives Grant to Expand Oral Health Access and Services

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San Diego County FQHC is Among 25 NextGen Healthcare Clients to Receive HRSA Oral Healthcare Award in 2019

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 24, 2020-- NextGen Healthcare, Inc. (NASDAQ:NXGN), a leading provider of ambulatory-focused technology solutions, today recognized its client, La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc., a federally qualified health center (FQHC) in San Diego for being awarded a $300,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant is to be used to improve and integrate the health center’s oral health infrastructure. The clinic will use the funds to purchase a 39-foot mobile unit to improve access to oral healthcare for patients across San Diego County. When the unit is complete and operational, La Maestra anticipates reaching an additional 1,000 dental patients annually.

The new mobile dental unit will allow La Maestra Family Clinic to reach individuals and families in need of dental care in neighborhoods across San Diego County, where there is limited access to comprehensive oral health. In 2018, the center served 48,545 patients. Of these patients, 34 percent were under the age of 18. Additionally, 84 percent were living at or below 200 percent of poverty and nearly 70 percent were underinsured and utilizing Medi-Cal, California’s Medicaid program, or some other public insurance. Less than one percent of patients were privately insured.

A long-standing NextGen Healthcare client, La Maestra leverages a suite of NextGen Healthcare solutions that includes: NextGen® Enterprise EHR, NextGen® Enterprise PM, NextGen® Mobile, NextGen® Enterprise Patient Portal, Health Information Exchange and NextGen® Share. NextGen Healthcare offers the only ambulatory platform that enables truly integrated care that includes physical, behavioral and dental health records.

Zara Marselian, President and Chief Executive Officer for La Maestra Family Clinic said, “When patients are suffering from lack of dental care, they often have other health, wellness and social services needs that La Maestra clinicians and staff are uniquely equipped to address. Our NextGen Healthcare solution is instrumental in our ability to deliver integrated care. Our new mobile unit, in conjunction with our mobile technology, will allow us to improve access to care and meet clients where they live, work, play and worship.”

“We admire La Maestra for providing care and treatment to vulnerable people in need of dental care, and we congratulate Zara and her team on earning this important grant,” said John Beck, Chief Technology Officer for NextGen Healthcare. “At NextGen Healthcare, we view our FQHC market leadership as a great privilege and important responsibility. Like La Maestra, other FQHCs are increasingly caring for the whole patient—physical, behavioral and dental health — and the NextGen Healthcare platform is the first to integrate all three.”

Of nearly 300 Community Health Centers awarded oral healthcare grants across the country, 25 included NextGen Healthcare clients, equating to nearly 10 percent of the total oral healthcare grants received from HRSA in the United States. In 2018, HRSA-funded health centers served more than 6.4 million dental patients—a 13 percent increase from 2016—and provided more than 16.5 million dental visits.

About NextGen Healthcare, Inc.

We empower the transformation of ambulatory care—partnering with medical, behavioral and dental providers in their journey to value-based care to make healthcare better for everyone. We go beyond EHR and PM. Our integrated solutions help increase clinical productivity, enrich the patient experience, and ensure healthy financial outcomes. We believe in better. Learn more at nextgen.com, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

About La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc.

La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) and a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). For almost 30 years, the organization has served immigrant, refugee, uninsured, and underinsured populations living in the communities of central, east, and south San Diego County, California. Today, La Maestra operates five medical clinics, ten dental suites, three school-based sites, a mobile medical and dental unit, and a mobile mammography coach, and soon the organization will have an additional mobile dental unit.

La Maestra employs a holistic, solutions-based approach to health care through the organization's La Maestra Circle of Care™ services, which provides primary, specialty care and social services including job training, eligibility and enrollment assistance, microcredit and microenterprise programs, translation, interpretation, transportation, legal advocacy, a community garden, food pantry, after-school and summer programs, and transitional housing.

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