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a: not known beyond doubt

b: not having certain knowledge

c: not clearly identified or defined



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Dear Friends,

We are all feeling uncertain. So many colleagues, family members, and friends have been adversely impacted, directly or indirectly, by the daily, sweeping changes of our Federal administration. Uncertainty is not unique to the Open Door Clinic, yet we face some unique threats.

Will our funding be cut? Medicaid funding supports 20% of our budget. Will we lose up to 60% of our patient base, those who are immigrant workers? Will we gain untold numbers of new patients if they lose their Medicaid coverage? Or will things largely stay the same? It is impossible to predict ~ yet we know the current administration is laying the groundwork to enact all of these changes, and their methodology to date has been erratic and harsh.

I do not want to create a false sense of urgency when there is none yet at our door ~ there is already too much chaos disrupting us all on a daily basis. I must, however, anticipate, plan, and position us for success should drastic changes befall us.

The Open Door Clinic is a stable, safe, and respectful resource that is known throughout our community by populations of people who are currently facing unprecedented threat, challenges, and fear. Our patients love coming here, trust our providers, find connection to community, and are always received with a warm smile.

We are their rock and trusted resource to turn to in this most vulnerable and uncertain time. Our dynamic and dedicated staff and volunteers consistently go to great lengths to support our patients, no matter the complexities of their situation.

Please consider giving as generously as you can. We remain deeply committed to this integral work: everyone deserves access to excellent healthcare.

With all good wishes,

Heidi R. Sulis, MPH
Executive Director

