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Bond Community Health Center, Inc. (Bond CHC) receives 3-year grant renewal from The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 22, 2017: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration notified Bond Community Health Center that its renewal grant application was approved. Bond will receive \$1,024,833 annually to provide comprehensive primary care services to the underserved and uninsured residents of Leon County. Although the level of funding has not increased from previous years, “the reassurance from the federal government that Bond is continuing to perform well by granting a three-year project period will further help the Center with its restructure efforts; this could not have been accomplished without talented and dedicated staff”, says Temple Robinson, CEO.

Recently, Bond was forced to close its site in the Springfield community on Joe Louis Street and decrease overall hours of service because of funding shortages. Nonetheless, the demand dictated that services be expanded to homeless patients at the Kay Freeman Center (2729-8 Municipal Way) and to dental patients at its main site (1720 South Gadsden Street). Despite significant decreases in funding over the past three years, Bond Community Health Center has consistently served nearly 9,000 individuals annually and achieved full accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and received Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition. Beginning in the fall of 2017, Bond will become a primary site investigator in several national research programs sponsored by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the OneFlorida Research Consortium.

“Federally qualified health centers, like Bond, care for more than 1.3 million Floridians statewide. Of the 8,700 patients cared for at Bond in 2016, half are uninsured,” as observed by Mr. Olu Sawyerr, Board Chairman who voiced great optimism for the days ahead. “The Board feels that Bond has identified a solid path forward; and with creativity and consistent good outcomes, additional funds will become available”. Bond Community Health Center, Inc. provides comprehensive primary care, dental, HIV/AIDS primary care, podiatry, ophthalmology, chiropractic care, pharmacy services, mobile health and health care to the homeless. We are so fortunate that HRSA recognizes the much needed healthcare services for our community residents and entrusts the Bond Community Health Center, Inc. to extend the services that are very much in keeping with the Center’s mission.