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# Press Release

## **Glenn Medical Center releases first round of survey results for Community Health Assessment**

**Willows, CA, September 25, 2012:** Glenn Medical Center hosted a meeting with community health partners and agency's on September 18, 2012, to release the first round of Community Health Assessment survey results. Three main areas are looked at in the survey: health behaviors, health care needs and medical care received.

Of the survey's 225 respondents, they showed good healthy behaviors with 81% rated their overall health as "excellent" or "good". Fifty six percent (56%) had seen a physician or received a physical within the last year and 85% had received a dental exam within the last five years. However, the survey showed 19% smoked which is higher than the California rate of 13%. Additional data gathered from the California Health Collaborative Cancer Registry showed incident and death rate of all cancers (and specifically lung, bladder and melanoma) in Glenn County also to be higher than the California state rate. Information from the Center for Nutrition & Activity Promotion showed that Glenn County adults have a higher than state rate of adults diagnosed with diabetes and had 41% of children being overweight or obese compared to a national rate of 32%.

There was great discussion among the community partners in attendance on ways to address health care needs of the community and possible initiatives that can affect health outcomes. Dave Meurer, Deputy District Director to Congressman Wally Herger was in attendance and active in the discussions.

"We applaud the fact that Glenn Medical Center is collecting data with the intent to look for opportunities to improve the health of the community" said Dave Meurer. "This is great information that helps advise policy makers on trends and calls attention to the huge impacts the health of our kids right now will have on our future."

The Community Health Assessment is a federal mandate for nonprofit hospitals through the IRS. Large California nonprofit hospitals have been doing community health assessments since the early 1990's. This federal mandate has been in the works for years and was passed as part as "Obama Care". The Community Health Assessment survey just done is only one part of the larger process of the Community Health Assessment.

“While legally required to do the Community Health Assessment, at Glenn Medical Center, we feel it is a very important step to help plan for the future of health care delivery in Glenn County and surrounding areas.” Reports Woody Laughnan, Jr., Glenn Medical Center Administrator. “This is one mandate we are very much in favor of as it will provide comprehensive community health planning over the next several years.”

Glenn Medical Center is a local not-for-profit hospital in operation since 1949. It is one of 29 licensed Critical Access Hospital’s in California. The Medical Center has 152 employees and has grown significantly the past few years. Last year Glenn Medical Center Emergency Department saw 5,280 patients and has a wait time of 30 minutes before being seen by a physician. They performed 291 surgeries and had 350 patients admitted to the hospital. Their Specialty Clinic which provides Cardiology, Dermatology, Neurology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Podiatry and Sleep Medicine, along with their Rural Health Clinic, Family Care Clinic and Glenn Family Medical Group, saw 39,354 patients (about 150 patients a day). Glenn Medical Center provides convenient access to outstanding health care service for Glenn County and surrounding area residents. To learn more about Glenn Medical Center’s Services, you may call 934-1800 or visit our website at [www.glenmed.org](http://www.glenmed.org).



*\*Photo 1: Back Row L to R – Dr. Jared Garrison, Family Care Clinic Director, Bill Casey, Board Chairman of Glenn Medical Center, Woody Laughnan, Jr., Administrator of Glenn Medical Center, Front Row L to R – Traci Torres, Clinical Data Analyst, Trudy Duisenberg, Community Health Needs Coordinator.*



*\*Photo 2: L to R – Dave Meurer, Deputy District Director for Congressman Wally Herger, and Woody Laughnan, Jr., Administrator of Glenn Medical Center.*