



## **Lackey Clinic Awarded Grant from Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health**

YORKTOWN (April 20, 2022) – Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health awarded the Lackey Clinic \$105,689 to enhance its Virtual Care program. The Lackey Clinic currently uses telehealth, in addition to in-person visits, to deliver care for Lackey patients and virtual urgent care for non-patients at no cost.

“We are grateful for the support of the grant to reach our shared goal of caring for the medically underserved patients in Virginia,” said Larry Trumbore, CEO of Lackey Clinic. “Our Virtual Care program is designed to provide easier access leading to better health outcomes for more people,” Mr. Trumbore continued.

The funding covers medical staffing for the program and a part-time community health worker. This will enable the Clinic to better connect patients with community partners to address the patients’ social determinants of health needs (safe housing, transportation, and healthy food). The program also includes partnering with the Newport News community paramedicine program to provide in-home visits to Lackey Clinic patients, and the Clinic will provide Virtual Urgent Care for the Newport News Four Oaks Day Service Center.

“We are proud to partner with the Lackey Clinic to ensure our most vulnerable residents, those most at risk of significant health issues, receive the medical care they need,” said Newport News Mayor McKinley L. Price. “Thank you to Sentara Healthcare and Optima Health for investing in this life-saving program, which reduces a barrier to healthcare many regularly face. We look forward to working with the Lackey Clinic to promote health equity in Newport News and improve the health outcomes for our residents.”

**About Sentara Healthcare:** [www.sentara.com](http://www.sentara.com)

Sentara Healthcare celebrates more than 130 years in pursuit of its mission – “we improve health every day.” Sentara is an integrated, not-for-profit health care delivery system with more than 29,000 employees (including 1,375 physicians and advanced practice providers), 12 hospitals in Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina, and the Sentara Health Plans division which serves over 900,000 members. Sentara is recognized nationally for clinical quality and safety and is strategically focused on innovation and creating an extraordinary health care experience for its patients and members. Sentara was named to IBM Watson Health’s “Top 15 Health Systems” in 2021 and 2018, recognized as a “Best Employer for Women” by Forbes in 2020, and ranked as one of Forbes “America’s Best Employers” in 2018.

**About Lackey Clinic:** [www.lackeyclinic.org](http://www.lackeyclinic.org)

Lackey Clinic is the primary care and dental provider for 1,655 patients in Virginia. All the patients are low-income and uninsured and classified as “vulnerable populations” because they have limited access to safe housing, transportation, stable income, and healthy food. Patients often work two to three jobs to provide for their basic needs. They earn too much to qualify for Virginia’s Medicaid program and either don’t qualify for or cannot afford to purchase private insurance. The Clinic’s patients are also more likely to have multiple chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease.

**About Four Oaks Day Service Center:** [www.nnva.gov/2371/Day-Service-Center](http://www.nnva.gov/2371/Day-Service-Center)

Four Oaks Day Service Center is a one-stop service and assistance center where men, women, and families experiencing homelessness receive support and are connected to comprehensive community services under one roof, thanks to on-site partners. Four Oaks offers workforce development supports, housing assistance, and comprehensive case management services that give people the opportunity to transform their lives. The Newport News Department of Human Services operates this service.

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