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Ampla Health and the Jesus Center are pleased to announce a strategic partnership to increase access to appropriate care for those in our community experiencing homelessness. To this end, Ampla Health will operate a clinic at the Renewal Center campus, a project of the Jesus Center located on Fair Street. The 10-exam room clinic will focus on providing Primary Care Services, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment, Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT), Psychiatric, and Mental Health services.

The partnership of Ampla Health and the Jesus Center began over four years ago, early in the process of planning for the Renewal Center, when they worked with Public Health, managed care providers, Enloe Medical Center, and other local service providers to address access of care for those living without homes in our community. It was this early partnership that resulted in the pilot program hosted by Ampla Health of a mobile medical unit which is currently offering preventative care for those in shelters and those who are homeless living on the streets.

“We are proud of our partnership with the Jesus Center which began over half a decade in our participation on the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuation of Care Council (CoC) along with other organizations including homeless shelters. In the process of working together addressing homeless issues and a partnership with Butte County Public Health, Ampla Health developed an MOU in 2019 to provide primary healthcare services to The Jesus Center’s clients and we remain committed to serve their healthcare needs”, said Ben Flores, President & CEO at Ampla Health.

After six years of work engaging the community, other service providers, churches, and other communities, the Jesus Center has developed an integrated shared services model at the Renewal Center. This expanded campus will offer a central location where multiple agencies can co-locate and co-operate to maximize impact and efficiencies in an environment that encourages and inspires a positive and life-changing path to an abundant life.

Opened in May of 2021, the Jesus Center expanded and relocated to its new 20,000 sq. foot facility on Fair Street. Offering fifty-eight beds of 24/7 sheltering for both men and women, the Jesus Center offers a trauma informed care model with a strengths-based approach steeped in encouragement to those who come to our sober facility. The four-pronged day Pathways program offers personalized paths to the next step in their journey: wellness, housing, employment, and more resources. Food services focus on those in residence, those residing with partner agencies, and those encountered through outreach partnerships where the Jesus Center supplies the food.

“During the planning and design of the Renewal Center we prioritized identifying partners who serve similar populations and ones that co-locating would lead to improved outcomes,” explains Amber Abney-Bass, Executive Director of the Jesus Center. “Transportation continues to be a barrier that generally results in diminished commitments to physical and mental health by those experiencing homelessness, this partnership means that more people will be seen and have an opportunity for improved health.”

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The Jesus Center exists to provide a pathway for hope, health and housing for God’s children who are struggling with homelessness and poverty. For information about our shelter services, housing program, or future expansion, please contact [amber@jesuscenter.org](mailto:amber@jesuscenter.org). To learn more about the Renewal Center project or to donate, go to [renewalcenterchico.org](http://renewalcenterchico.org)

The Ampla Health mission is to provide the individuals and communities we serve with high quality, comprehensive, community health care that is accessible to all and culturally and linguistically appropriate. For more information about our healthcare services, please contact [rvaldez@amplahealth.org](mailto:rvaldez@amplahealth.org). To learn more about Ampla Health go to [amplahealth.org](http://amplahealth.org).