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**DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA GRANTS \$55,201 TO SIOUXLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR ORAL HEALTH EXPANSION**



Pictured from L to R: Staff from the Siouxland Community Health Center include Dr. Kristi Walz, Medical Director; Dr. Christine Min, Dental Director; Michelle Stephan, CEO; Jessica Hughes, Interim CFO; Shelby Petersen, COO; Sharon Robertson, Human Resources Director; and from Delta Dental of Iowa Brenda Lowe, Account Executive.

Ankeny, IA, September 23, 2008 – Delta Dental of Iowa has awarded \$55,201 to the Siouxland Community Health Center (SCHC) located in Sioux City, Iowa. The funding will provide equipment for a dental treatment room as part of SCHC’s dental clinic expansion project.

“Delta Dental is pleased to support the Siouxland Community Health Center in its mission to treat the oral health needs of underserved patients,” said Donn Hutchins, president and CEO, Delta Dental of Iowa. “The expanded clinic will have a positive

long-term impact on the community by improving access to care in the tri-state area and serving as a dental home for those patients.”

The dental clinic expansion is being undertaken to meet increased demand for oral health services from underserved populations such as uninsured, children, adults with chronic illness, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and those without a dental home. The clinic’s expansion plans include eight additional dental treatment rooms.

With a December 2008 completion date, the goal of SCHC’s expansion project is to increase patient visits by 48 percent. The funding from Delta Dental to equip a dental treatment room will help SCHC serve an additional 600 patients. SCHC is a federally qualified healthcare center with a dental clinic serving 18 northwest Iowa Counties and 23 counties in neighboring Nebraska and South Dakota.

*Delta Dental of Iowa is the largest and most experienced provider of dental benefits in the state. As a not-for-profit, Delta Dental of Iowa invests in oral health projects through the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation that focus on access to care, prevention, education and research. Delta Dental of Iowa is a member of the Delta Dental Plans Association, a national organization of not-for-profit Delta Dental member companies. The national association is the largest dental benefits carrier in the nation, providing coverage to more than 51 million people in nearly 93,000 employer groups.*

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