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**Re:** Preceptor of the Year Award

On Wednesday, May 11, 2016, Genesee County Health Department Nurse Practitioner Care Manager, Sandra Manssur, MSN, FNP-BC, was awarded the prestigious *Preceptor of the Year* award by the University Of Michigan Flint Department Of Nursing. “It is with great pride the **Genesee County Health Department (GCHD)** would like to recognize one of its own employees,” stated Genesee County Health Department, Health Officer, Mark Valacak. “Sandy, as she is known by her clients and colleagues, is the quintessential compassionate and highly intelligent Nurse Practitioner. Sandy is the person you want in your corner when you need help,” stated Genesee County Health Department Nursing Director, Toni LaRocco.

“The notion of a primary care clinic at the Health Department was encouraged by our partnership with Wellness, Inc. They recognized that lowering a community’s viral load would reduce the transmission of HIV which made good public health sense,” stated LaRocco. In 2014, the stars aligned for the Health Department when the federal government released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to increase the capacity for training Nurse Practitioners.

With GCHD’s unique partnership established with Wellness Inc., University of Michigan Flint faculty member Connie Creech wrote a proposal that was funded and used for the purpose of increasing NP preceptors in HIV- Primary Care and Specialty care. The successful proposal lead to the opening of the new Primary Care Clinic in September 2015, and from that point on, NP students began clinical rotations.

“Amidst a troubling water crisis in Flint, the Primary Care Clinic, with award winning Nurse Practitioner, Sandy Manssur, is a shining star! We are so proud to be working with Wellness, Inc. and the University of Michigan Flint Nursing Department to provide a service that makes great public health sense all while preparing advanced practice nurses for the future. It is a winning proposition for all,” stated LaRocco.

The Primary Care Clinic is located on the second floor of Genesee County Health Department’s McCree building, located at 630 S. Saginaw Street in downtown Flint. Clients who do not have HIV but are looking for a primary care provider are welcome. With ongoing lead concerns the Primary Care Clinic also screens adults for lead.

For a Primary Care Clinic appointment, or for more information, specific clinical services, or to call and congratulate Sandy for her great work, please call 810-257-3445. Your Health. Our Work. It’s not just a slogan; it is a compassionate commitment of service!

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