As promised, the Foundation’s COVID-19 Relief Fund Committee has shifted focus to increasing availability of vaccination in Monroe County, Homestead and Florida City. We have been working with numerous partners in both interest areas including Baptist Health of South Florida, College of the Florida Keys, Community Health of South Florida, Curative, Miami Dade College, Monroe County Department of Health and Monroe County Emergency Management, and now projects to share.

The first is a continuation of our support for the College of the Florida Keys. CFK nursing students and faculty played a major role in the success of Ocean Reef’s vaccination effort and enabled the Medical Center at Ocean Reef to continue normal services while it was underway. They also built on the experience gained at Ocean Reef to work with Monroe County’s Department of Health to help

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manage the vaccination effort, effectively becoming the mass vaccinator for the vast majority of doses distributed to the DOH.

The Foundation and Baptist Health have partnered to underwrite the expenses of the CFK mass vaccination campaign. By the time you read this, CFK nursing students and faculty will have vaccinated almost 1,300 residents, with plans to vaccinate almost 2,200 by April 3. The CFK agreement covers 40+ events at 300+ shots each over six months throughout the Keys, so we expect to fund at least 12,000 shots in arms. With expenses covered, the team is only limited by the number of available doses and are capable of much greater capacity. They also have qualified with the Florida SHOTS program to receive their own supplies of vaccine in the future.

Our second project is a collaboration with Community Health of South Florida (CHI), which runs a dozen federally qualified clinics ideally located throughout our interest areas and is well connected and respected in these communities. CHI was recommended to us by Baptist Health, has come to Ocean Reef to tour our vaccination effort and meet with the Foundation and Medical Center, and has participated in Foundation meetings with Miami Dade College and CFK Nursing School leaders about coordinating student nurse participation in vaccination events.

After coordinating with CFK to plan for large scale vaccination efforts in the Keys, the Monroe County Department of Health agreed that small scale vaccination events at CHI clinics in the underserved Middle and Upper Keys would be a great counterpart to the large scale events for coverage Keys wide. They also will hold events in their Homestead and Florida City clinics to give us coverage in all our interest areas. CHI continually receives their own supply of vaccinations as federally qualified clinics.

As noted, one of the biggest challenges for healthcare providers is to keep providing their regular services while trying to add vaccination events to their workload. The CHI plan is designed to add 32+ small events outside of their normal operating hours so they can continue client services.

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