

**Talking Points for
Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez
Dedication and Open House of the Palo Alto Outpatient Clinic**

**Center for Health Care Services
May 6, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

- Good morning and thank you for inviting me to join you in celebrating the dedication and open house of the Palo Alto Outpatient Clinic.
- I’m very proud of the wonderful work the Center for Health Care Services has accomplished in their 37 years of devoted caring service to the general public.
- I’m confident in the work they’re doing here at Palo Alto Outpatient Clinic—it’s a kind of service that addresses the needs of our Mental Health community as well as the pressures exerted on our county jail population.
- Bexar County is very supportive of the Center for Health Care Services—and we’re proud to do so.
- In a joint cooperation, Bexar County and UHS are the sole sponsors with nearly \$2 million dollars in aide to the center.
- Thank you for coming and showing your support on this special day. I will continue to work together with you to address and find solutions to our challenges.
- I’d like to recognize Leon Evans, Gilbert Gonzalez, Roger Morin, Lupe Torres, and all the movers and shakers of the Center for Health Care Services.
- They recognize that too many people with mental illness end up on the street, in jail, or hospitals—and that the only way to find a solution is to give them access to proper care.
- It is truly an honor to serve my community and my door is always open to anyone who is willing to work with me to make Bexar County a premier county.