

Talking Points  
Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez  
CentroMed Dinner Gala

San Antonio Omni Hotel  
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- CentroMed was formed in 1973 under the name, El Centro del Barrio. It retained the CentroMed brand in 2001.
- CentroMed began to serve the Bexar County community in 1980.
- The original intention of CentroMed was to provide, high class, state of the art medical services to those who had the greatest need and those people are the lower, socio-economic members of our community.
- CentroMed also wanted to fill a need for health care workers where a shortage was present.
- These underserved families can now turn to CentroMed to receive primary medical care, dental services, behavioral health services, nutritional services, pediatric and pre-natal care, and have access to an affordable pharmacy.
- The mission and vision of CentroMed is to perfect providing health care, employing health care, and responding to the health care need. The presence of all this evening clearly illustrates this accomplishment but their work is far from completed.
- As the 1980 winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine, George D. Snell stated about his devotion to medicine, “...I’ve been on a search for 30 years in a lab gown...”
- CentroMed has been on a search, a mission to improve quality of care and service to our community and I hope they never stop working hard.