

PROVIDING FREE HEALTH CARE TO UNDERSERVED **POPULATIONS**



Every day, American Muslims make important contributions providing health care to underserved communities. In some cases, they come together to create a hub of hope.

CASE STUDY: HUDA Clinic

Detroit, MI - In operation since 2004

Over 50 healthcare professionals:

- Medical
- Dental
- Podiatry
- Mental Health
- Ophthalmology









patients a year





A collaborative effort that maximized benefits

DID YOU KNOW? In the state of Michigan Muslims make up

3% of total

population

7% of dentists



pharmacists



15% of medical

doctors



ISPU researchers asked:

"What lessons can we learn from a Muslim-run free medical clinic?"

Maintain a Clear Mission & Vision from the Outset

Prevents internal disputes and differences from hindering the organization's success

Invest in Malpractice Insurance

Provides the clinic with important protection from liabilities

Establish Separate Legal & Tax-Exempt Status

Opens the doors to funding and maintains the independence of the organization

Hire a Professional **Grant Writer**

Helps obtain new funding by identifying and applying for grants

Use Freely Available Resources

For HUDA Clinic this meant:

- Using a free, online planning template
- Reaching out to other clinics to learn about resources and funding

Seek Stable, Diverse Leadership

A combination of founding members and new voices on the board proved essential for HUDA Clinic's growth.

Engage in Robust Outreach

HUDA Clinic did not automatically generate clients. Focused outreach helped connect the community to needed services.

Prioritize Strategic Planning

Annual reviews and a clear strategic plan create transparency and aid progress.

Establish Regular, **Documented Trainings**

Ensure safer operations and serve as preparation in case of an audit

Encourage & Cultivate Diversity

Diversity was one of the necessary ingredients for success at HUDA Clinic.