



Physician Role in Child Protection Teams

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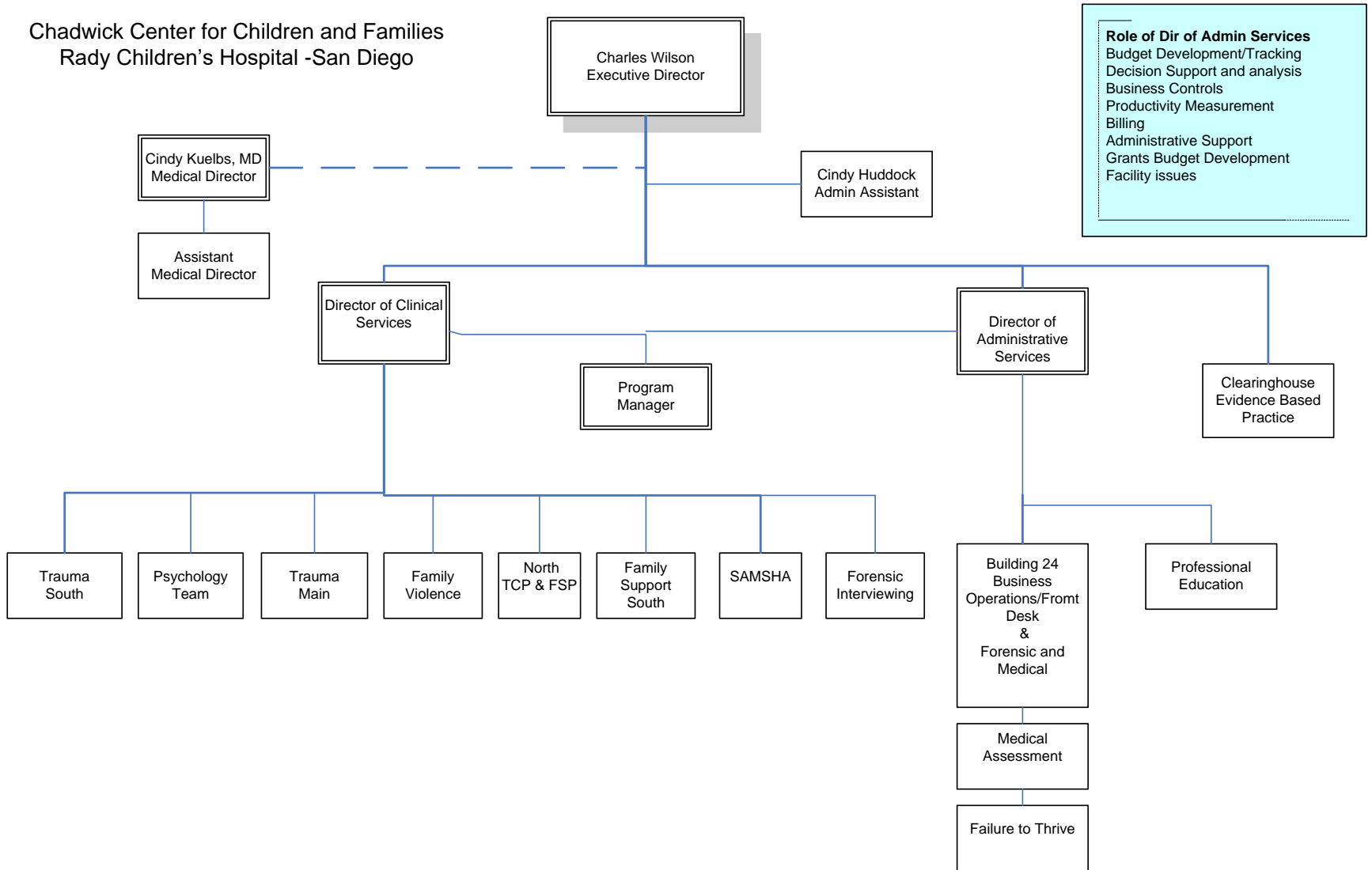


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- Team was chaired by pediatrician until recently
- Chair rotates to engage all members
- Orientation packet provided to all new members
- All agencies on the child protection team sign the child victim witness protocol agreeing to adhere to specific practices

Chadwick Center Programs

- Forensic and Medical Services
- Family Support
- Trauma Counseling
- Professional Education
- California Child Welfare Clearinghouse for Evidence Based Practice
- Polinsky Center Medical Services

Child Protection Team Members

- Law enforcement
- Child Welfare
- County Counsel
- District Attorney
- Medical
- Therapy
- Advocacy
- Public Health Nursing
- Family court
- Hospital social work
- School personnel
- Regional Center

Role of the Pediatrician

- Educate team members on medical issues
- Differentiate medical findings indicative of abuse from those caused by other means
- Diagnose medical conditions not caused by abuse
- Evaluate related medical conditions
- Evaluate injuries for causation and in developmental context of the child
- Ensure the health and well-being of the child

Requirements for Pediatricians

- Commitment to field of child abuse
- Continuing medical education annually on abuse related topics – 10 hours
- Participation in regular peer review/quality assurance activities
- Attendance at CPT meetings if case being discussed
- Recognized as expert by team members
- Board eligible in child abuse pediatrics