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Ruby Valley Hospital Supports Community Following CHC Closure

The administration and board of directors of the Ruby Valley Hospital were sorry to learn of the recent decision to close the Sheridan Community Health Center (CHC). The closure has impacted a substantial portion of the Ruby Valley community, requiring many residents to switch healthcare providers. “The CHC has a long history of providing excellent healthcare in our valley,” said John Semingson, CEO of the Ruby Valley Hospital.

Fortunately, the Ruby Valley Clinic, with offices in Sheridan and Twin Bridges, has recently expanded its roster of healthcare providers. Drew Chambers, PA-C, started working at the Clinic on March 1st. This summer, Dr. Molly Biehl will join Dr. Roman Hendrickson, Chris Hartsfield APRN FNP-BC, Kathy Tetrault, PA-C and Drew Chambers PA-C, when she relocates from her practice in Maine. “We are so pleased to be able to increase the community’s options for healthcare providers,” said Dr. Roman Hendrickson. “Drew Chambers and Dr. Molly Biehl are very qualified and will help fill the gap.”

Some of the CHC clients have been concerned about costs of changing providers. “The Ruby Valley Clinics offer the same sliding scale fees as CHC,” commented Kari Reintsma, a clinic support staffer in Sheridan. Patients coming from CHC’s sliding scale program will need to complete the application forms when they enroll at the Sheridan or Twin Bridges clinic. Once the application is approved, these patients will have the same financial assistance as was received at CHC. The Clinics are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm and providers start seeing patients at 9:30am.

“It’s always tough when a local provider of critical outpatient services closes its doors,” said Semingson. “While CHC board’s decision to close is unsettling, at least the CHC patients won’t have to travel far for a solid range of medical providers and services.”

In addition to expanding the roster of healthcare providers, the Ruby Valley Hospital has recently added a CT scanning facility which is available 24/7. The Hospital also provides laboratory, radiology, swing bed, cardiac rehabilitation and physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services. The Ruby Valley Hospital has been designated as a Montana Trauma Receiving Facility. Presently, we also have the following visiting specialists scheduled regularly in our Sheridan

Clinic: Dr. Mick Lifson, GYN, Dr. Todd Storm, Podiatry, Dr. Don Van De Riet from The Hearing Aide Institute, Audiologist, WIC and Public Health.

For more information about the Ruby Valley Hospital and Clinics or to review past news and information, please visit our website at www.rubyvalleyhospital.com.

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