



New Provider Responsible for Medical Clinics Services

William Bee Ririe Hospital Chosen by County Commission

Monday, July 10th, began a new day for medical services in Eureka County as William Bee Ririe Hospital, of Ely, assumed responsibility for providing medical services in Eureka and Crescent Valley.

After nearly three decades of medical provision by Nevada Health Centers, Eureka County Commissioners voted on June 9th to accept William Bee Ririe's (WBR) proposal to serve the communities of Eureka, Crescent Valley, and, in a newly formed partnership, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe.

The Commissioners' decision came upon the recommendation of the Eureka County Medical Clinic Advisory Committee (MCAC).

Late last year the Commissioners advised MCAC to look for other options for care due to repeated penalties incurred by Nevada Health Centers (NVHC) for failure to meet the terms of their contract with Eureka County.

A formal request for proposal (RFP) was sent out in April with a response deadline of June 2, 2017. Two respondents included William Bee Ririe Hospital and a collaboration between Nevada Health Centers, Renown Health, and REMSA (Reno's emergency care and ambulance service). William Bee Ririe Hospital's bid of \$590,000 came in slightly higher than that of NVHC/Renown Health's bid of \$576,726.

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William Bee Ririe staff for Eureka clinic (l to r) Rocky Jones, APRN, Ashley Adams, front office, and Heather Eskandon, medical assistant. Not pictured is Lacie Mariluch, medical assistant.

Clinic Patients: Requesting Your Health Records is Your Responsibility

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) will not allow new clinic provider William Bee Ririe Hospital (WBR) to access previous patient records from NVHC, says Rocky Jones, APRN. **If you would like to obtain your health records from Nevada Health Centers, contact them at NVHC, Attention: Medical Records, 3325 Research Way, 2nd Floor, Carson City, Nevada, 89706 or (775) 445-8568.**

Even though you may have been a patient at the Nevada Health Center clinic for years, everyone will have to start out as a *new* patient with William Bee Ririe, according to Rocky Jones, APRN. "It is basically filling out new patient paper work and should take about five to ten minutes depending on their health history," she said. **Jones also noted that patients will have to see a provider prior to having any prescriptions re-**



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A major difference cited by the committee included a greater amount of on-site care with two mid-levels (Advance Nurse Practitioner-APRN) at the Eureka Clinic and a rotating physician two days each week from WBR. Of the two mid-

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levels, one will travel to Crescent Valley one day each week and to Duckwater two days each week. NVHC/Renown’s proposal included telemedicine only to the two outlying clinics and one mid-level practitioner at the clinic in Eureka.

“The bids were close in cost but Ririe offered more on-site providers and their bid had significantly less cost attributed to overhead,” noted MCAC Co-Chair Rich McKay. “Fifty percent of the Renown/NVHC bid was non-patient related costs.”

“We are very excited to have William Bee Ririe come here,” said Jim Ithurralde, MCAC member. “We have worked with Nevada Health Centers for several years, trying to get the providers here that were agreed to in the contract, but because Nevada Health Centers have repeatedly been unable to comply, we decided to go out to bid and see if there was anyone else.”

Staffing

Along with the new provider of care the community will see some new faces. Jerome Hicks, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), will start practice July 17. Hicks will be moving from Reno with his family. Another new face is Rocky Jones, APRN, who began working at the Eureka Clinic on July 10. Jones is helping fill in until WBR can find another permanent mid-level. The current staff at the Eureka Clinic will remain the same.



The new medical arrangements include two full time mid-level practitioners in Eureka. One of

these practitioners will travel to Crescent Valley one to two days weekly and to Duckwater two days each week. WBR will also provide a rotating physician two days each week that will see patients in Eureka. The rotating physician may travel to both Crescent Valley and Duckwater depending on patient count and need. Telemedicine will also be provided in Eureka and at the satellite clinics in Crescent Valley and Duckwater.

Duckwater Tribe Partnership

The new partnership with Duckwater came after several months of meetings with their consultants (Jerry Millet and Lisa George) and key Duckwater Shoshone Tribe employees. In addition to Duckwater paying for their portion of medical services, the Tribe has offered housing and a vehicle for the provider to travel between Eureka and Duckwater.

“This innovative partnership will result in a significant savings for Eureka County,” said McKay.

Transition

Matt Walker, WBR’s Chief Executive Officer, although excited to expand the medical services of WBR into neighboring communities, noted that the upcoming month will be a time to get a feel for what is needed at each clinic.

At their June 9th meeting the Commissioners agreed to a 45 day period to allow WBR to adjust their schedules as they determine will best suit each clinic. Laboratory work is one area that WBR is still working on getting their licensure through the State.

“This is a fluid model,” Walker cautioned the Commissioners through the MCAC.

Crescent Valley Clinic

Crescent Valley will be visited by one of the two mid-levels based in Eureka. This mid-level will visit the clinic one to two days a week depending on patient needs. The expectation is that this clinic will be up and operational within two weeks or by the end of July, according to Edwin Szewczyk, Chief Financial Officer. The Crescent Valley Clinic phone number is 775-468-0250.

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“I expect some unforeseen issues and some limited services,” he informed them. “We may have to wait two weeks down the road to conduct labs, but that will not stop us from practicing patient care. That is more important to us.”

The committee and the Commission remain positive that the new medical provider will benefit Eureka and the surrounding communities.

“After thorough review of the proposals I feel the new provider will fit the needs of our community,” said Ithurralde.

“Even though the bids were similar in overall cost, the fact that William Bee Ririe had a much larger in-person presence with a physician in Eureka and nurse practitioners at all three clinics versus the NVHC/Renown Health bid that was primarily telemedicine led to the MCAC recommendation to the Commissioners to award the bid to William Bee,” said McKay.

Reduced Fee

William Bee Ririe will offer patients a reduced fee, based on income, for patients without insurance. For more information on WBR’s financial assistance program see their website at www.wbrhely.org/patients/financial.php. •

Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Medical service to the health clinic at Duckwater will commence in August. The Duckwater clinic was recently remodeled and the employees at the facility are currently moving equipment and supplies within the building, according to Alfreda Walker, Indian Health Service.

Telemedicine will also be available at this clinic in addition to an on-site visit two days each week by one of the two mid-levels staffed at the Eureka Clinic. The clinic in Duckwater employs all of their own personnel including the medical assistant. Duckwater is also providing a vehicle and housing for the visiting provider.

Commission Thanks Medical Clinic Advisory Committee

The County’s Medical Clinic Advisory Committee has been involved for years with issues and concerns related to the operations of medical clinics in the County. In late 2016 the Commission directed the MCAC to look for additional options for clinic services. The June 9th County Commission vote was the culmination of many hours of hard work and dedication by the MCAC. “The committee has worked very hard and we appreciate their continuing service to the County in this crucial area. The commission could never had been successful in selecting a provider without the countless hours put in by this committee,” said Commission Chairman J.J. Goicoechea. MCAC members are:

*Garney Damele, Chair, Eureka County Employee Rep
Rich McKay, Co-Chair, Eureka Community Rep
Jim Ithurralde, Member, Eureka Clinic User Rep
Melissa Fitzwater, Member, Eureka Community Rep
Irma Davila, Member, Eureka County Employee Rep
John Brown, Member, Eureka Community Rep*

Medical Clinic Advisory Committee Comparison of Health Clinic Proposals *Pros and Cons Led to Recommendation to County Commission*

Renown/Nevada Health Centers, Inc.

Pro

- A proven and effective Nurse Hot Line; liked the association with REMSA
- More experience along with a good platform for the provision of after-hour care
- Affiliation with Stanford Medical; community members would have greater access to Stanford specialists, especially with Stanford specialists seeing patients in Reno
- An advanced telemedicine program
- Positive relationship by the current medical provider within our community
- Existing staff works together well
- Access to a large variety of specialists at Renown

Con

- A high cost passed on to the County for administration-related costs (site supervisor, regional operations, and administration allocation). Our committee noted that 50% of the subsidy request was administration related - \$245,000 of the \$576,000
- Less on-site provider coverage for all three clinics
- Telemedicine only for both Crescent Valley and Duckwater, with the exception of a one day per month visit by a mid-level
- No physician coverage for any clinic
- Higher cost for less provider coverage
- High Cost
- Limited, if any, opportunity for medical-related scholarships for our community's youth
- Historically, administration not as forthcoming with financial records, per our committee
- Historically, unable to meet contractual obligations
- A high one-time fee for telemedicine (\$76,789) with no indication that grant monies were used to alleviate a start-up cost for the equipment

William Bee Ririe Hospital

Pro

- Close proximity to Eureka
- Better understands rural, small town Nevada community environments
- Already has some established relationships with Eureka and Duckwater patients
- Affiliation with the University of Utah
- Ability to access a variety of specialists that come to the Ely facility
- After Hours Nurse Hotline will provide direct access to a medical provider at the ER department in Ely
- Will provide an opportunity to keep existing staff at the Eureka clinic
- Opportunity for medical – related scholarships for our community's youth
- More provider on-site coverage
- A sound fiscal package – more provider coverage that includes telemedicine and a rotating physician for all three clinics for less money comparatively
- A low one-time fee for telemedicine (\$12,500) as WBR applied grant monies towards the purchase of equipment and passed the savings to the County
- A daily lab courier to WBR Hospital's lab; could improve the current time it takes for lab results

Con

- Un-proven nurse hotline

EUREKA CLINIC

July Provider Schedule

JEROME HICKS, APRN

Family Practice

July 18-21

STANLEY MCCART, M.D.

Family Practice

July 18-19

ROCKY JONES, APRN

Family Practice

July 24

JEROME HICKS, APRN

Family Practice

July 25-28

CLEMENT STUMILLO, D.O.

Family Practice

July 26-27

EUREKA CLINIC

Contact Information

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Hours of Operation

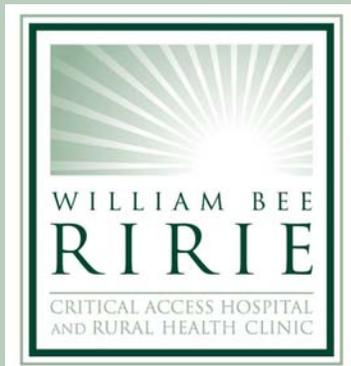
Mon – Fri

8:00am – 5:00pm

Lunch

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Sat – Sun: Closed



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&
Wine
ON MAIN

AUGUST 19, 2017
EUREKA, NV

MATT FARRIS 6pm - Friday, August 18 - Opera House

ART IN THE PARK 9AM - 6PM

WEAVING DEMO by Kim West 10am @ 180

NEVADA AUTHOR Mark Shaff Reception 2pm @ 180

WINE WALK 3PM - 6PM
Pick up your glasses at 180 N. Main St. \$25 per glass, non-alcoholic beverages and food available, too.

BOOM BANDITS 9am-9pm Saturday on Main St.

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CRESCENT VALLEY CLINIC

July Provider Schedule

THERE WILL NOT BE A PROVIDER AT THE CRESCENT VALLEY CLINIC DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. PROVIDER COVERAGE IS ANTICIPATED TO START IN AUGUST

CRESCENT VALLEY CLINIC

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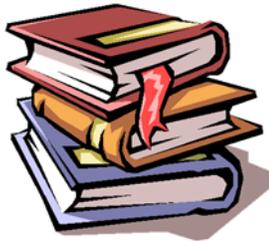
Phone: 775-468-0250

Legislature Raises Fees for Recording Documents Changes Begin October 1

Lisa Hoehne, County Recorder, informed the Board of County Commissioner on July 6, 2017 of new recording fees, due to Legislation Bills (AB169, SB433, & SB490) that recently passed.

New Recording Fees

There will be a \$35 flat recording fee for all documents, effective October 1, 2017, except the documents listed below:



Default & Election to Sell - \$285.00, *effective June 12, 2017*

Mining Certificates of Locations - \$30 per claim (does not include map fees) *effective October 1, 2017*

Mining Notice of Locations - \$20 per claim, *effective October 1, 2017*

Mining Notice of Intentions - \$12 per claim plus \$10 document fee, *effective October 1, 2017*

All maps fees have increased by \$6, *effective October 1, 2017*

Passports

The Recorder's Office has been active with passport applications. There is no appointment necessary to execute an application in the Eureka County Recorder's Office. The County Recorder, Lisa Hoehne and the Deputy Recorder are both passport acceptance agents.



Starting in December 2016, the County Recorder has been making regular trips to Crescent Valley Public Works Office every 2-3 months to hold a passport day. This has been well received. The next scheduled month is October, 2017, but the date has not yet

been set. An appointment is necessary for the passport days in Crescent Valley. Please contact the Recorder's Office at 775-237-5263 for more information.

Most passport applicants will need to bring:

- Birth Certificate, Original or Certified Copy
- 2 Passport Photos
- Photo Identification, such as driver's license.
- Know the parents place of birth and birth dates.
- Payment (Check or Money Order) •

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Just in time for Fall and Spring Eureka County would like to encourage all residents to take advantage of the **FREE** dump days every Saturday in the months of October and May at both the Crescent Valley Laydown Yard and Eureka Landfill. May Clean-up has been replaced by these free dump days.

Take your clean-up loads to:

Eureka Landfill

October, 2017 (7,14,21, & 28) and May, 2018 (5,12,19, & 26)

or

Crescent Valley Laydown Yard

October, 2017 (7,14,21, & 28) and May, 2018 (5,12,19, & 26)

ONLY organic yard waste, appliances, scrap metal, tires, car bodies, construction debris and furniture will be accepted **FREE** on these days.

Laydown Yard and Landfill

hours for free dump days:

8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

Call 237-5372 or 468-0326 with any questions



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News and Views from the Eureka County Commissioners

2017 Summer – Early Fall Events Calendar Highlights

July 1 - August 31—Eureka Clinic, Free Sports Physicals, call 775/237-5642 to schedule. Paperwork can be found at www.registermyathlete.com

August 1 — Eureka Clinic Open House 2-4 pm

August 1 — National Night Out at Eureka Firehouse

August 10-13—Eureka County Fair. Info: 775/237-6026 or check the County website

August 18— Matt Farris, Eureka Opera House, 6pm

August 19—Art in the Park and Wine on Main Wine Walk, Town of Eureka. Sponsored by Eureka Business Network, Eureka Restoration Enterprise & Eureka County Recreation Board

August 19 —Crescent Valley Emergency Fund BBQ

October (date to be set)—Crescent Valley Passport Day. Call the Recorder's Office at 775/ 237-5263 for more information.



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