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Bandon Community Health Center announces its new clinic, new name and new medical director

Bandon, OR— Bandon Community Health Center is expanding patient access to primary health care with a new clinic, new name, and new physician.

Patient services began in the newly renovated clinic at 1010 First Street SE, in Bandon, on Monday, August 11. Residents familiar with the locale as the former Bandon VA clinic will be pleasantly surprised by the upgrades.

The move is the biggest event for the organization since the health center started operations in 2010, said Executive Director Linda Maxon.

With the move, the health center has adopted a new name: Coast Community Health Center.

“As our health center continues to grow into becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center, we felt it was appropriate to revisit our center’s name to be more inclusive of the community members we are serving in Bandon, Langlois, Sixes, Port Orford and Agness. Our board of directors approved our name change to reflect our commitment to the residents of Southern Coos and Northern Curry counties,” explained Maxon.

The health center is pleased to welcome a new primary health care provider to the southern Oregon coast. Dr. Hank Holmes, MD, joins the health center team as medical director.

Dr. Holmes is a board certified family practice physician with 35 years experience, including many years working in rural areas of Oregon, Arizona and California. He joins Nurse Practitioners Laura Bye Franklin and Debra Guzman serving patients at the Bandon clinic.

According to Dr. Holmes, his passion has always been for collaboration with competent, passionate, compassionate teams to serve the unmet needs of a community, which is why Coast Community Health Center is a great fit.

"The most important thing is the connection with patients. I have a vision of a clinic where everybody can come and be comfortable, from the front to the back. It takes every member of the team to serve the patient well," he said.

As medical director, Dr. Holmes will oversee clinical operations and patient care in Bandon and the center's outreach site at Pacific High School, while providing direct care for patients in the Bandon clinic.

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Coast Community Health Center provides caring attention from highly skilled medical professionals. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the center offers primary health care to residents of Oregon's South Coast in the Bandon clinic and Pirate Wellness Center at Pacific High School. The health center is accepting new patients. Contact health center staff at 541-347-2529.