

BCHC hires new medical director



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BANDON — Bandon Community Health Center is pleased to welcome a new primary health care provider to the south coast. Dr. Hank Holmes, MD, joins the health center team as medical director.

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 will join Nurse Practitioners Laura Bye Franklin and Debra Guzman serving patients at the Bandon clinic Aug. 13.

Holmes takes an integrated health care approach that involves clinic staff, as well as neighboring wellness providers.

“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,” Holmes said.

“I like being in a community where doctors can call on each other (for support),” he added.

Input from local physicians Dr. Karl Moehring and Dr. Delbert Remy aided the search for a medical director.

“It was so valuable to be able to engage credible voices in the conversation. These are physicians who really know the community. Their insight, along with the introductions to other medical professionals, and the staff at Southern Coos Hospital, has been invaluable welcoming Dr. Holmes,” Executive Director Linda Maxon said.

As medical director, 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.

Holmes will transition from part to full time in Bandon on completion of his contract as an urgent care provider with Samaritan Health Services, Albany, Oregon. He fills the position previously held by Dr. Gail McClave, who has returned to private practice.

Holmes commended the health center board, staff and volunteers, especially their service to many who have been under served.

