

BCHC leases space for clinic which will open this summer

Clinic: Will start remodeling the office interior right away

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BANDON — Bandon Community Health Center has committed to lease health clinic and administrative office space in the Bandon Professional Center, at the corner of U.S. Highway 101 and Highway 42 South, in Bandon.

BCHC will begin interior remodeling immediately, with plans to serve patients at the new site in the summer of 2014, according to a press release from the BCHC.

Vice Chairman John Merle Logan described the move as one more positive step in expanding high quality primary health services for area residents. The Bandon Professional Center provides ground floor accessibility, convenient location, parking and clinic space needed for patients and staff.

Logan announced the new lease in an email to the BCHC Board of Directors last week. Responses were enthusiastic: "Right on! That's great news," wrote one director. "Wonderful," and, "Congratulations to us all," said others.

Bandon Community Health Center was founded as a not-for-profit Rural Health Center in 2009 and approved as a Federally Qualified Health Center in November 2013. Medical services will continue at 780 Second St. S.E. until the move.

With the onset of Cover Oregon, and FQHC approval, the organization is preparing to serve more patients and increase its scope of services. BCHC will hire four new full-time and one part-time clinic staff members, according to Executive Director Linda Maxon. Recruitment is already underway for a primary care provider and psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Federal backing assures increased capacity that will stimulate business for the area's health care network, as the center contracts for off-site services such as behavioral health and dental care.

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