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New Providers in MCHC Emergency Department

Madelia, Minn. – The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) has hired two Nurse Practitioners to work in the Emergency Department, alongside the Emergency Department Medical Director, Dr. Michael B. Nelson.

Karla Boettcher is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She has three years of experience as a Family Nurse Practitioner in Emergency Medicine and Urgent Care. Prior to becoming a Nurse Practitioner, Karla worked for 13 years as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Medical-Surgical (Med/Surg), Emergency Medicine and as the Inpatient Director, Hospital Director and Emergency Department/Critical Care Unit Director. Her bachelor's and master's degrees are in Nursing Leadership/Management from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Her post-master certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner is from Kaplan University.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Holmquist is Board Certified and has a doctorate of Nursing Practice from the College of Saint Scholastica in St. Cloud. She had been working as a Nurse Practitioner in the St. Cloud area most recently. She also has a bachelor's degree in Nursing from North Dakota State University and an LPN degree from Southeast Technical College in Winona. As an RN and LPN, Betsy has several years of experience working in Emergency Departments, Med/Surg, Infusion Center, and an Oncology Clinic in the Twin Cities area.

"Karla and Betsy are a wonderful addition to our Emergency Department," said Dr. Nelson. "Their education and experience has prepared them for their roles here. They are confident and eager to take care of our patients."

Since 2011, MCHC has been relying primarily on locum tenens to staff the Emergency Department. Locum tenens providers contract with recruitment agencies to perform medical services for a health care organization. The physician works as an independent contractor paid through the staffing agency, which is paid by the healthcare facility. While the quality of care by locum tenens is good, the cost for the facility is high.

"We hope to reduce the need for locum tenens to just a few holidays or weekends a year," said Jeff Mengenhauen, MCHC CEO. "By having a consistent ER team of caregivers, we can provide our patients with quality care and the best patient experience close to home."

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About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of medical professionals that are committed to providing health care of the highest standards to patients in the Madelia area. As a 25-bed acute care hospital, we offer all of the primary health services: Laboratory, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Home Care, Emergency Room/Urgent Care, and Surgical Care. Our attached family medical clinic also provides care for patients in all the seasons of their life. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care industry, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.



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