

New Happenings at the West Custer County Hospital District – July 20, 2018

We want to keep our patients in the know, so here goes.....

Clinic:

- 1) Maria Duran-Shy, FNP, ACNP, will join Charlotte Stark, NP, as one of our two full time primary care providers on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Stewart Irving, NP, and Susan Clouse-Smith, NP, continue to see patients on an PRN (as needed) basis
- 3) Dr. Gayle Riley, our medical director is available for consultations as needed, upon request from our primary care nurse practitioners
- 4) Currently our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am – 5 pm. We will offer extended hours on Tuesdays from 8 am – 6 pm, beginning, August 7<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Dr. Ginger Dunnam-Smith, Dr. Johnny Smith, and Julie Klaker, NP, are no longer seeing patients in the clinic. Stewart Irving has gone to PRN status and not seeing patients on a consistent basis. With this, please establish yourself with one of our other providers for prescription refills and needed laboratory orders
- 6) Our services include acute care for infants, children and adults, well child exams, sports physicals, well women exams, adult preventive care & chronic disease management.
- 7) We have two providers certified to do CDL exams.
- 8) We offer physical therapy services – Rosi Blaesius, PT, John Ashton, PT, and Kay Shafer, PT
- 9) We also offer ophthalmology, sleep studies, laboratory services, and limited radiology
- 10) Currently, TriCare & Medicaid have sent out letters to inform patients that they have been assigned primary care providers outside of Westcliffe. This information is not correct. We are working with both TriCare and Medicaid to resolve this error.

EMS:

- 1) We continue to serve our community with a two person crew 24/7/365
- 2) Offering an EMT Basic class here in Westcliffe, with local instructors, and a cost of \$1400, (about ½ the cost of the class at Pueblo Community College) starting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We were just awarded a state CREATE grant that is a 50/50 match for this class, students completing the class requirements will only have to pay \$700. If you work for EMS for a minimum of two years, you may be able to get your \$700 back. Call us for more information!
- 3) We have 3 Full Time EMT positions currently available, if you know someone who would be a great fit, let us know at (719) 783-4447.

Respectfully Submitted,

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