Grand Columbia Health Alliance

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Six hospitals partner as founding members in Grand Columbia Health Alliance

MOSES LAKE – Grand Columbia Health Alliance (Alliance) is pleased to announce that six central Washington hospitals have founded a new healthcare partnership.

The six founding members in the Alliance are Columbia Basin Hospital (Ephrata), East Adams Rural Healthcare (Ritzville), Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center (Odessa), Othello Community Hospital (Othello), Quincy Valley Medical Center (Quincy), and Samaritan Healthcare (Moses Lake). The locally owned healthcare facilities established the Alliance together to serve the healthcare needs of communities in the counties of Grant, Adams, Lincoln, and beyond.

"In joining together as Grand Columbia Health Alliance we aren't competing with each other, we are competing together for the best health of our communities," said Mo Sheldon, CEO of Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center. "The Alliance allows us to collaborate and share resources—providing our patients with the convenience of state-of-the-art, local healthcare without needing to travel to large cities."

Being good stewards of their resources is one more factor that makes the Alliance beneficial for all of its founding members and their healthcare communities.

"Combining resources allows us to provide the best possible healthcare at the best possible price for our patients," said Gary Bostrom, CEO/CFO of East Adams Rural Healthcare. "It's not just tracking return-on-investment, but providing purposeful care that is measured in lives improved, lives saved, and new babies born."

The communities represented by the participating healthcare facilities are each about 45 miles from each other—allowing the six Alliance members to easily work together.

"With the Alliance, our Public Hospital Districts are stronger together," said Theresa Sullivan, CEO of Samaritan Healthcare. "Using today's technology—including medical and communications technology—our community boundaries no longer define how we provide medical care."

The close proximity also allows patient access to specialized healthcare providers and increases each facility's ability to access advanced technology and equipment by potentially sharing those costs.

"Currently, all the member organizations are working collaboratively to provide the best care for their regional patient families," said Rosalinda Kibby, CEO of Columbia Basin Hospital. "The Alliance will further help us all as we continue providing state-of-the-art care."

As a first deliverable of the Alliance, the six founding healthcare organizations now have the ability to share medical resources, such as physicians, staff, or other resources. This allows the entire region to begin benefitting immediately from coordinated access to these resources.

"It's very gratifying to be able to join together in the Alliance and honor the pioneering vision of our founders to independently serve and care for our residents," said Connie Agenbroad, CEO of Othello Community Hospital.

To learn more about the Grand Columbia Health Alliance partnership, visit www.grandcolumbiahealth.org