



COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS corner

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It is a bittersweet announcement, but Dr. Troy Doetch, our Medical Director for Community Health Systems, has retired in October. Dr. Doetch has been an instrumental leader for CHS, particularly helping navigate the organization through the Covid-19 Pandemic. While we wish Dr. Doetch all of the best as he embarks on this next chapter, we are forever grateful for the efforts he put forth for both staff and patients.

Announcement

A New Chapter Begins

This newsletter is a first for our organization. As the Covid-19 Pandemic wanes, we have been buoyed by the impact that we, as an organization, have been able to have on the community. One major lesson that was learned was the importance of outreach and developing connections with our patients and our community partners. They helped inform our response to the Pandemic and helped to ensure that we were more impactful with our Covid-19 testing and vaccination services.

Our hope with this newsletter is to continue to provide useful updates and educational resources. As we emerge from several intense years of the Pandemic, our services will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community and this newsletter will provide one more way for us to communicate them to you. Thank you for your partnership, whether in a patient or organizational capacity, we are forever grateful.



Do your research, but also trust the professionals



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Therapist at Beloit and Darlington*

Being knowledgeable about your health is a good thing. It's ok to have an opinion or suggestion to make regarding your health care treatment. More importantly, the best way you can contribute to your health care is to be aware of the changes in your body, mentally, physically, and emotionally and bring that information to you at your doctor's appointment.

Some of the following questions they might ask you are:

- When did the symptoms start?
- What changes in your body have you noticed?
- How have the symptoms affected your daily life?

Many times, the doctor is a like a detective-- sorting through the evidence of the "case" so they can "solve it" with a diagnosis and/or a treatment plan. The more information you have about your body and your symptoms can help the practitioner come to an accurate diagnosis, saving money, time, and possibly eliminating unnecessary treatment and tests.

Choose to research if you must, but instead of using the information to demand a specific treatment, use what you've learned to start a conversation, partnering with your doctor to achieve your best result in a healthier you!

Read more at our online Blog, Mindful Minute, at chsofwi.org

Service Line Highlights

- Our Seal-A-Smile team is providing dental screening and hygiene services throughout many schools in the area, be sure your children are seen!
- CHS is now offering in-person substance abuse group treatment, please contact 608-313-3372 for more details.
- Our Women's Health Program is now accepting new patients. Are you looking for inclusive, affirmative medical treatment? Contact CHS to schedule an appointment today at 608-361-0311



Welcome to our new Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Pilla

The Beloit Area Community Health Center (BACHC) welcomes new Chief Medical Officer Dr. Prashanti Pilla, MD, to the team. Dr. Pilla comes from Ascension Health in Racine, WI, and has over 18 years of experience in the medical field. Dr. Pilla is a Board Certified OBGYN who specializes in women's health for all age groups, with key strengths in management of high-risk pregnancies, performing minimally invasive surgeries and more. Dr. Pilla joined the BACHC team in October, and her favorite part about working with the organization is patient advocacy, safety, and comprehensive quality care for all patients that come from in and around Beloit. She enjoys going above and beyond to fulfill the medical and social needs of patients with empathy and compassion.



#GivingTuesday

The Beloit Area Community Health Center is in the process of setting up a Sensory Room in our Behavioral Health Clinic to enhance our delivery of care for our growing number of children with complex speech, language, and communication needs including Autism, chronic anxiety disorders, and more. The Sensory Room at BACHC will offer a calm, safe, relaxing, stimulating, and therapeutic environment for those we serve. Giving Tuesday allows us the ability to purchase a variety of items for our Sensory Room.

Giving Tuesday is on Tuesday, November 29th (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) and it is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

We invite you to join us on #GivingTuesday as we aim to raise \$8,000 to cover the costs of a Sensory Room at our Behavioral Health Clinic by visiting chsofwi.org/donate

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Some of the items we hope to include in our Sensory Room are pictured below





CHS Updates

- This past summer, CHS reopened a clinic in Darlington, Wisconsin. This location will provide dental and behavioral healthcare to patients who reside in Southwestern Wisconsin.
- CHS expanded its main facility, located at 74 Eclipse Blvd., to accommodate the growing need for behavioral healthcare services (pictured above). The expansion included group rooms, additional office space, and will allow for expansion of both substance abuse as well as child and adolescent services to better meet the needs of the local community.
- CHS has added a standalone Women's Health Program as well as same day prompt care medical services in Beloit

Upcoming Events

Please take a moment to review our upcoming events. Interested in hosting or sponsoring an event? Please contact Danica Keeton at dkeeton@chsofwi.org or 608-361-0311

- Beloit Memorial High School Medical Clinic **Every other Tuesday by appointment only 12:00-5:00**
- Parker Bluff Medical Clinic **1st and 3rd Monday's* 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00** *January will adjust to Jan. 9th and 23rd
- Holiday Hours:
 - Friday, December 23rd Closed
 - Monday, December 26th Closed
 - Friday, December 30th 8:00AM - 3:00PM
 - Monday, January 2nd Closed

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Chief Executive Officer

I am excited to be a part of this first newsletter. Our organization, as I have discovered since joining back in early 2020, is full of caring staff who are fearlessly committed to quality, respectful care to whomever enters our building.

This group of astounding individuals provides exemplary services, be it for dental, medical or behavioral health needs, and remains focused on trying to make any interaction as positive as possible.

I will always be thankful to the countless patients who entrust their care to us, but I also need to express how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated group of staff here to deliver these services. So, if you do see a CHS staff member, don't be afraid to thank them for all they have done, they are truly amazing people!