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PMC teams with UW to offer psychiatric residency program

POCATELLO — A new residency program at Portneuf Medical Center could boost resources for psychiatric care in Southeast Idaho, PMC officials said Monday.

PMC's Behavioral Health Services begins a psychiatric residency program today in conjunction with the University of Washington.

Under the primary supervision of BHS Medical Director Dr. Predrag Gligorovic, the residents will provide psychiatric inpatient and outpatient care management, as well as services within specialty clinics and an intensive outpatient program.

“It has been our pleasure to work side by side with Idaho State University physician assistant students and ISU family practice residents,” Gligorovic said. “We now look forward to working with psychiatry residents who will be able to participate on a much larger scale as we provide much needed services to those suffering from mental illnesses.”

According to PMC officials, Idaho ranks as one of the lowest states in the country for having mental health resources, and they believe offering the psychiatric residency program will benefit the community. A psychiatry residency program, they add, enhances physician recruitment and brings potential long-term psychiatrists to the area, increasing the availability of mental health resources.

The goal of the inpatient psychiatric rotations is to provide supervised clinical experience and instruction in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric inpatients with a variety of conditions.

The UW psychiatry residents will also provide rotations at State Hospital South in Blackfoot.