

Syringa Hospital, Kootenai Health announce management services agreement

Syringa Hospital and Clinics and Kootenai Health have announced a new management services agreement for Syringa Hospital and Clinics in Grangeville, Idaho. Under this agreement Kootenai Health and the Syringa board of trustees will jointly recruit a new CEO to Syringa Hospital.

“By working with Kootenai, we are confident that we will attract exceptional candidates for the CEO role,” said Al Bolden, chairman of the Syringa Hospital board of trustees.

“Kootenai brings regional expertise, a collaborative spirit, and has demonstrated that they understand our culture and vision for the organization.”

The new CEO will reside in the Grangeville area and report directly to the Syringa board of trustees on all issues of governance. He or she will be responsible for all customary CEO duties, including day-to-day operations, financial oversight, administration and management of the hospital.

Under the management services agreement, the new CEO will be employed by and have a dual reporting relationship with Kootenai Health and Syringa Hospital and Clinics. This relationship will give the CEO and the Syringa leadership team access to resources and expertise from Kootenai Health. This will include group purchasing agreements, training and education for staff, compliance, policies, clinical protocols and procedures, peer networking, strategic planning, and revenue strategies. The management agreement could be canceled at any time without cause by either organization.

The new CEO's primary point of contact will be Jeremy Evans, executive vice president of hospital and regional operations at Kootenai Health. Evans has more than 25 years' experience in hospital administration and operations. He will provide additional ongoing support and direction for the CEO.

“Our goal is to offer our resources and expertise to ensure Syringa Hospital and Clinics can continue to provide exceptional health care in Grangeville and Idaho County,” said Evans, “Kootenai can also help Idaho County residents access advanced health care services when those may not be available in Grangeville”

Recruitment efforts are underway for the new CEO. Both organizations are eager to fill the role as soon as possible but the search, interview, and selection process may take several months. With the winter holidays, it is likely that a start date for the new CEO will be in early 2018.

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