

CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

April 2022

- Matt and I are meeting with the clinic providers bi-monthly over a meal as a way for the providers to have some time with Matt. These meetings are going very well and we enjoy the time getting to know the providers a bit better.
- The RN co-visit model that Joe Jones introduced to the WEH clinic has allowed he and Samantha Papke, RN to see additional patients each day, giving more access to our community when they need healthcare.
 - The co-visit model is a simple model that allows the RN to go into a room and assess the patient and make recommendations to the provider, the provider then goes into the room, confirms the diagnosis and writes the orders for treatment, or continues to assess the patient if needed. This allows two patients to receive care at the same time and the provider is still seeing each patient. It's a more efficient use of the provider's time. Joe used this model at the very busy urgent care he worked at in Denver and felt that our clinic would benefit from this model and it has made a difference in the number of people we can care for in a day.
- We are happy to report that we have been able to get back to being able to focus on preventative care and we are increasing the number of Medicare Annual Wellness Visits we are doing each month. The clinics have a goal to complete 950 AVW in 2022 and to double that in 2023. Annual Wellness visits allow us to connect with our Medicare patients before they are sick or help us keep them as healthy as possible for longer. Annual Wellness visits are all about preventative care and making sure we are getting our patients their screenings as they become eligible for them based on age or other factors. We also get an opportunity to talk to patients about their goals and what is important to them so we can motivate them to do all they can to stay healthy.
- I am excited to be transitioning Delta Surgical Associates to a Delta Health service line. Dr. McCrackin, Dr. Nickle and the staff have always been great to work with and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better. Dr. McCrackin's service to the patients of Delta County has been vital in keeping our communities healthy and active and I appreciate all Dr. McCrackin has done on behalf of the medical staff and hospital as a whole. Her leadership and guidance has been invaluable to the growth of the medical community and to Delta Health.

Happy spring!

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