

Provider joins JMHCC team

Megan Thiel, DNP/FNP-C, has joined the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center team as a certified family nurse practitioner (FNP). She started seeing patients mainly at the Elgin Community Clinic on May 9.

Megan has more than 12 years of progressive nursing experience, including 10 years in rural health and close to three years as a clinical instructor for nursing students. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Minnesota State University-Mankato and a Doctor of Nursing Practice/Family Nurse Practitioner degree from North Dakota State University. She is board certified through the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and is a professional member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Her clinical interests include rural health, geriatrics, addiction medicine and adolescent health.

“With Megan’s background, experience, drive and dedication, she is a great asset to JMHCC’s care team,” said JMHCC CEO Theo Stoller.

She chose to become a family nurse practitioner so she could positively impact people’s lives, Megan said.

“I couldn’t imagine myself really being anything else and I like to take care of people,” she said.

Previously, she worked for a company called House Calls, which offers primary care for patients having difficulty getting out of their home. She mainly visits assisted living patients and homebound patients, providing primary care to the chronically ill.

She worked at a critical access hospital for about 10 years, so she looks forward to working in rural health care again.

“I feel like rural health is my passion. I like rural health and working in a community like that. I like the variety of rural health,” she said.

Megan grew up in the Beulah area and now lives on a ranch between Beulah and Glen Ullin with her husband, Cody, and their 9-year-old son. They also have a golden retriever, Thor, who is part of the family.

Outside of work, Megan likes to spend time with family and friends, read and go boating at the lake.

She joins Dr. Elizabeth Sundberg, MD; April Berger, FNP-C; Carey Rivinius, DNP, FNP-C; Carrie Gerving, FNP-C; Rhonda Schmidt, FNP-C; and Jolene Engelhart, FNP-C; at JMHCC and its clinics in Elgin, Glen Ullin and Richardton.

“I’m excited to join the team,” she said.