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Expanded Partnership Provides Additional Access to Dental Care

GRAND RAPIDS – The Kent County Board of Commissioners has approved the expansion of a partnership with My Community Dental Centers (MCDC) that will include the addition of a new center in Cedar Springs.

MCDC opened a state of the art dental center at the Kent County Health Department’s South Clinic in September of 2014. More than 8,500 patients have made nearly 27,000 visits since. Many of them are residents of northern Kent County who were forced to travel to find affordable oral health care.

“Partnering with MCDC at South Clinic has provided thousands of uninsured and Medicaid clients with much-needed dental care since opening in 2014,” said Jim Saalfeld, Chair of the Kent County Board of Commissioners.” The County Board, Administrator’s Office and Health Department staff have been dedicated to finding solutions to this critical issue. We are glad that this partnership continues to grow, and will soon provide our residents in rural northern Kent County with a closer, more convenient location.”

“Studies have found that people with low incomes are more than twice as likely forgo dental care because of cost,” said Adam London, Administrative Health Officer at the Kent County Health Department. “This center will make quality dental care affordable and more accessible for many families.”

The new MCDC center will be located at 14111 White Creek Ave. in Cedar Springs. The six chair dental center is slated for opening in early summer.

MCDC is already accepting patients for the Cedar Springs center. People can call 877-313-6232 and get pre-registered for scheduling.

“We are here to serve everyone,” said Kim Singh, Director of Community and Governmental Affairs with MCDC. “We encourage anyone in Kent County who does not have a dental office that they call home to contact us.”

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

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