

## **Health Care, Wellness, and You: A Community Conversation**

The Deschutes Rim Health Clinic will be holding three community meetings in mid-October to talk about the clinic's operations and services and the critical importance of continuing the supplemental tax funding to support those services and the existence of local health care. The "Health Care, Wellness and You" meetings will be in Maupin, Tygh Valley and Wamic – dates below. All meetings will start at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Maupin Community Room at the Civic Center

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Tygh Valley School Community Center

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Wamic Community Center



These will be an opportunity for the public to be better informed and get answers to questions. Attendees will meet the Board and some of our staff and providers. The current Board Chair, Sue Knapp, will be stepping aside from this position and will introduce the newest member of the Board, David Farris, MD, whom she will be nominating to succeed her as Chair. Dr. Farris is a physician with years of Board experience. Attendees will learn about the clinic's progress – and barriers – in assembling a care team and learn how tax dollars are used to support health care in this community. We want to hear about your needs, and to understand better how we and our partner alliances can help meet those needs. We hope to see you there.

Board and Staff – Deschutes Rim Health Clinic

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## AGENDA

- Introductions
- Health Care Industry Today – post pandemic
- Economic Benefits of Health Care in small rural communities
- Deschutes Rim Health Clinic- Your Community Health Care Clinic
  - Impacts of pandemic on operations
  - New Clinic construction – the need, cost and funding
  - Overview of Operations, Budget, Expenses and Revenue, Staffing, Medical / Dental Care Services
  - Patient Care Goals
  - Wellness Center Services / Building B Potential
  - Needs of Community
- The Importance of Tax Funding in Supporting Local Health Care in a Rural Community
  - Permanent vs Option Tax levies for Health District
  - Sources of Tax Dollars - Tax impacts to property owners
  - Tax funding for other rural clinics
  - What tax dollars are used for – importance for rural clinics and communities
  - Impacts to health care delivery with and without sufficient tax funding
- Health Clinic Partnerships that help support health care in our communities
  - South Wasco Health Collaborative/South Wasco Alliance
  - MCMC / Adventist Health Columbia gorge, Columbia Gorge Health Council
  - County, South Wasco School District, Sherman County Health District
- Questions & Answers
- Adjourn

## Participants:

- Board, Staff, Providers, Patients, past board, medical director
- Wellness Center providers
- County
- South Wasco health collaborative ppl (chair/co-chairs, SWA chair, CHW)
- Community-specific liaison