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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SVCHS Welcomes New Family Nurse Practitioner to Van Pelt Elementary School**

**November 10, 2020 –Bristol, VA** – Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems (SVCHS) welcomes Kellie Brown, MSN, APRN, FNP-C to Van Pelt Elementary School to serve as the School-Based Nurse Practitioner.

SVCHS is currently partnered with Bristol Virginia Public Schools in bringing healthcare to students and staff. Our clinic at Van Pelt is operated by a family nurse practitioner and support staff who can examine, diagnose and treat a variety of acute issues.

These include but are not limited to: Strep, Flu, Mono, COVID-19, skin infections, sinusitis, etc.

Brown is very excited to be part of the school-based program and said, “We are so proud of our partnership between SVCHS and BVPS that has allowed us to open a school based health clinic at Van Pelt Elementary School. We do not wish to take the place of any pediatrician or primary care provider but to offer much needed services that will help keep children and staff members healthy and in school!”

Brown comes to SVCHS with a vast background of experiences to share with her patients. She got her BSN from East Tennessee State University and MSN from Lincoln Memorial University. Brown is a native to the area and was born and raised in Bristol, TN. She was a Neuro ICU nurse at Bristol Regional Medical Center for three years before moving to Knoxville, TN where she worked as a nurse practitioner at a Diabetes & Neuropathy Treatment clinic.

Brown knew from a young age that she wanted to work in healthcare.

She said, “My mom kept a school notebook she filled out for me each year. Beginning in first grade, my response every year was that I wanted to be a nurse or pediatric nurse when I grew up. That dream was reaffirmed when my younger brother was badly injured and I helped take care of him. In high school I was part of the health occupations club and had the chance to shadow lots of different specialties. That is when I decided I would become a nurse practitioner.”

She has been married to her husband for 5 years and has a 1 ½ year old son. They love spending time with friends and family, traveling and enjoying the water in their free time.

Brown said, “Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee are and will always be my home. I can’t tell you how much of a blessing and dream come true it is to serve my community and especially our children.”

If you or someone you know may be looking for a pediatrician, please contact us at 276-496-4492. We have pediatricians at two sites – Twin City Medical Center and Tazewell Community Health Center specializes in pediatric services, from newborn to adolescent care. Our board certified pediatric doctors have extensive knowledge and experience in the growth and development needs of children and childhood conditions/diseases. The well-being of your child is a top priority in providing the highest quality of healthcare. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Andrea McClintic or Dr. William Wear for neonatal care, well-check visits, immunizations, school & sports physicals, and sick visits.

## **OVERVIEW**

Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems consists of a group of non-profit community healthcare centers, a Migrant Health Network, Substance Abuse Recovery Program and Southwest Virginia Regional Dental Center established to improve access to healthcare services by providing comprehensive, patient centered care to the communities we serve. SVCHS is a member of the Virginia Community Healthcare Association and is a Joint Commission accredited institution. SVCHS is governed by a community board and our clinics are not-for-profit community health centers.

## **MISSION**

The mission of SVCHS is to be a community health care partnership serving the people of this region with compassionate, affordable, patient-centered primary and comprehensive care. Our vision is to provide compassionate patient-centered, affordable healthcare to all patients, nationally recognized for its excellence in all aspects of care. We live by specific guiding principles to ensure we enact our mission and vision.

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