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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SVCHS Welcomes New Family Nurse Practitioner to Saltville Elementary School and Northwood Middle School**

**April 7, 2021 – Saltville, VA** – Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems (SVCHS) welcomes Micaela Williams, MSN, APRN, FNP-C to Saltville Elementary School and Northwood Middle School to serve as the School-Based Nurse Practitioner.

SVCHS is currently partnered with Smyth County Public Schools in bringing healthcare to students and staff. Our clinics at Saltville Elementary and Northwood Middle are operated by a family nurse practitioner and support staff who can examine, diagnose and treat a variety of acute issues.

Williams said, “Our goal is to serve as a safety net between schools and a patient’s primary care provider, however we do not intend to take the place of anyone’s PCP. We primarily strive to act as an Urgent Care, seeing students and teachers on-site to aide in keeping both groups healthy and in school. We offer testing for illnesses such as strep and the flu, as well as vision and hearing screenings. We also provide physicals for school entrance and sports, if needed.”

Williams comes to SVCHS with a vast background of experiences to share with her patients. She received her BSN and Masters from King University in Bristol, TN. Williams is a native to the area and was born and raised in Saltville, VA. After graduating with her BSN, she worked at the Family Birth Center at Johnston Memorial Hospital for more than five years.

“As a labor and delivery nurse, I was privileged to get to take care of the hospital’s littlest patients and their families. While I loved working in labor and delivery, I always knew I wanted to serve my home community so I made the decision to further my education to become a nurse practitioner,” Williams said.

Williams is very excited to be part of the school-based program and said, “For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to help people. As a nurse, I knew I wanted to give back to the community that instilled that desire in me. While I loved my job as a labor and delivery nurse I knew I somehow wanted to better serve my hometown. I felt that through working as a nurse practitioner I could best accomplish that goal. I am so excited to serve and care for the people of my hometown!”

Williams knew from a young age that she wanted to work in healthcare and serve her hometown.

She said, “I have always loved working with kids which made for an easy choice to work with pediatric patients. In high school, I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to job shadow and volunteer at the clinic in Saltville. I was even able to complete greater than one year of clinical rotations as a student NP at SMC. I have always known that I wanted to serve my hometown and SVCHS makes that possible. I can’t think of any better way to serve my community than to care for and support its children and educators.”

She has been married to her husband for nearly six years and have a four-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son that keeps them on their toes at all times. In William’ spare time, she loves spending time with family, renovating her historic house, and being outdoors on the river.

SVCHS is also currently partnered with Bristol Virginia Public Schools in bringing healthcare to students and staff that is located in Van Pelt Elementary School in Bristol, VA. Van Pelt is operated by a family nurse practitioner, Kellie Brown, MSN, APRN, FNP-C and support staff.

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.