



Northwest Medical Center

A Tradition of Community Healthcare

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Integration brings further quality health care access to rural areas.

On August 26, 2014, Northwest Medical Center (NMC) announced it would be entering an innovative partnership with Mosaic Life Care (formerly Heartland Health) in St. Joseph, MO. The partnership formally went into effect on Monday, December 29 and is designed to leverage the unique capabilities of both organizations to address the distinct challenges of rural health care.

“My enthusiasm for this partnership comes from my confidence that the people of NMC and Mosaic Life Care and the communities they serve are special,” says Jon Doolittle, President and CEO of Northwest Medical Center. “We see that health care is changing, and we are excited to grab the opportunity to lead that change.”

Over the past four months, NMC and Mosaic Life Care have been formulating operational plans and timelines. NMC executives indicated they have already seen early benefits from the partnership including, improved buying power to help keep costs down, access to Mosaic Life Care’s emergency medicine physicians when required, and the ability to participate in a shared regional staffing pool to assist in covering unplanned caregiver absences.

Over the next 18 to 24 months, Northwest Medical Center will continue to take steps to fully integrate with Mosaic Life Care. The plans include, among other things, a formal name change and the adoption of new information technology systems.

“This operational partnership between Mosaic Life Care and Northwest Medical Center will produce great outcomes,” say Dr. Mark Laney, President and CEO of Mosaic Life Care. “We will leverage our combined experience to create a rural health care model that can be replicated across the country. Our focus will be to improve the health and the lives of people living in northwest Missouri with an innovative offering that includes the Mayo Clinic Care Network relationship, cutting–edge technology and the mutual sharing of knowledge.”

To learn more about the partnership, please visit www.northwestmedicalcenter.org/partnership-announcement or contact Ashley Shisler, Marketing Manager, at (660) 726-3941.

About- Northwest Medical Center has provided high-quality health services to residents in Northwest Missouri since 1957. Along with five satellite clinics and a full-service home-health agency, Northwest Medical Center continues its tradition of community healthcare utilizing leading-edge diagnostic equipment and boasting one of the top emergency room facilities in the region.

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