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CDH, Hilltown Health Center announce partnership, new service

A CDH physical therapist, and Worthington resident, will provide physical therapy services here two days a week

WORTHINGTON – Beginning Tuesday, February 27, residents of Worthington and the surrounding towns will have convenient access to physical therapy services.

In an expansion of its hospital-based services, Cooley Dickinson Hospital will offer physical therapy at the Hilltown Community Health Center located at 58 Old North Road in Worthington. Physical therapy has never before been offered at this location. Initially, services will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 p.m.; additional hours will be added as referrals to this location increase.

“Bringing health services to its community is what a community hospital is all about,” says Kenneth E. Guilbault, FACHE, FACMPE, vice president of ambulatory services at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. “The hospital is very pleased to have an opportunity to build a partnership with members of our medical staff who practice at the Hilltown Community Health Center and to serve the surrounding population.”

Hilltown Health Center Executive Director Edward J. Sayer says the addition of Cooley Dickinson rehabilitation services has been driven by a demand for medical care in this region. “It is important to bring additional medical services to the Hilltowns and in particular, physical therapy services, to treat a range of musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary and integumentary conditions,” Sayer explains.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital’s Auxiliary donated $14,000 to purchase rehabilitation equipment such as a treadmill and bike ergometer, weights, pulleys and a treatment table, and waiting room

More

furniture. The hospital's Auxiliary is comprised of 500 members whose mission is to support patient services, support the hospital's Volunteer Services, advocate for the CDH, provide educational programs and raise funds.

Sandy Miller, director of rehabilitation services at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, adds that prior to Cooley Dickinson's invitation to establish physical therapy services in this area, "patients traveled a distance to another CDH site in Northampton, Easthampton, South Deerfield or Amherst or went elsewhere for care. Our presence will provide patients with both convenience and expertise right in their back yard."

That expertise will be provided by Marilyn Payne, PT, CCCE, Cred. CI, Cert. MDT, a physical therapist who holds international certification in the mechanical diagnosis and treatment of the spine. Payne has worked in the rehabilitation field for more than 30 years and holds two nationally recognized certifications, one as a credentialed physical therapy student clinical instructor and the other as the coordinator of all physical therapy student education at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Payne, a 30-year resident of Worthington, says she looks forward to treating her friends and neighbors at the new location.

To schedule an appointment at the new Hilltown Community Health Center, call the CDH scheduling line at (413) 238-4419.

For more information, call the CDH Public Relations Office at (413) 582-2421. To speak with Edward Sayer of the Hilltown Community Health Center, call (413) 238-4115.

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