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HOBBS MEDICAL CLINIC GRAND OPENING

LOVINGTON, NM, December 11, 2015 - Nor-Lea Hospital District (NLHD) and Lea County officials welcomed over one hundred guests to the official grand opening of its Hobbs Medical Clinic (HMC) this week. Those in attendance heard from Nor-Lea Foundation Board Chairman, Sam Spencer; Hobbs City Mayor, Sam Cobb; Lea County Manager, Mike Gallagher; Covenant Health Systems CEO, Richard Parks and Nor-Lea CEO and Administrator, David Shaw.



“On behalf of the Lea County Commission, the county is very pleased and excited to see the Hobbs Medical Clinic become a reality,” said Gallagher. “The partnership between NLHD and Lea County continues to provide residents greater access to convenient, quality health care services and is in alignment with Lea County Commission’s goal to continuously improve the quality of life for residents in Lea County.”

The speakers’ presentations and subsequent open house presented patients, community members and traveling guests with an inside look at Hobbs Medical Clinic and the impact it is going to make on community health and economics.

“The Hobbs Medical Clinic will not only provide Hobbs residents with ease of access to primary and specialty care, but the clinic is projected to create 29 new jobs and \$2.9 million in payroll and benefits from those jobs,” stated Cobb. “That’s money going back into the Hobbs economy through restaurants, grocery stores, clothing stores and all other venues.”



Hobbs Medical Clinic will provide primary care with access to same-day appointments as well as full lab and x-ray services. The clinic partnership also includes Covenant Health Systems who will be staffing a portion of HMC with various specialists.

David Shaw is proud of the partnership with Lea County and Covenant. Their mutual commitment to improve quality of care throughout the county was the driving force behind the opening of HMC.

“We were truly humbled when the county approached Nor-Lea, once again, to join in their continued journey of improving quality of life in Lea County by staffing Hobbs Medical Clinic with our trusted providers and employees,” said Shaw. “We are proud to serve a loyal hospital district, in Lovington and Tatum, who has been very supportive of our endeavors improving health in our communities and stimulating its economy, both, inside and beyond district borders. Patients of Hobbs Medical Clinic will receive the same, thorough and compassionate care Nor-Lea is known to give. Thank you, Hobbs for the big, warm welcome we received Wednesday. We are honored to continue serving your community and earning the trust to be your family’s health care organization of choice.”

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