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BASIN CLINIC JOINS UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

October 31, 2019: For many years Uintah Basin Healthcare and the Basin Clinic have worked closely together in delivering high quality healthcare to the Vernal and Uintah County areas. It is our desire to further develop our partnership ensuring continued access to high quality healthcare services while laying the foundation for our next phase of growth.

We are pleased to announce that the Basin Medical Clinic, L.L.C. has entered into an agreement to become a part of Uintah Basin Healthcare. As part of the agreement, UBH welcomes Rodney Anderson, MD, Karl Breitenbach, MD, Michael Olsen, MD, and Kirk Woodward, MD, as well as their compassionate nurse practitioners and physician's assistants who work alongside their doctors. Also, roughly 50 of the dedicated staff of Basin Clinic will join Uintah Basin Healthcare's family.

This "coming together" rejoins a piece of history. The Basin Clinic was originally started by Paul Stringham, MD. Before starting the Basin Clinic in Vernal, Dr. Stringham practiced medicine in Roosevelt from 1950-1962. While practicing in Roosevelt, he worked alongside Rudolph Vernon "R.V." Larsen, MD. Just months after Dr. Stringham left Roosevelt to begin his practice in Vernal, Terry Buxton, MD joined Dr. Larsen in 1963. They practiced together until Dr. Larsen passed away in 1967. Dr. Buxton worked with others such as Frank Madsen, MD and Gary White, MD as he moved forward to dedicate 37 years to Uintah Basin Healthcare. Dr. Gary White is still practicing today after 50+ years. These "original docs" of the Basin are legendary figures to be admired. They dedicated countless hours to provide the care our area desperately needed.

Paul Stringham, MD practiced medicine in Vernal running the Basin Clinic from 1962 until his retirement in 1989. He was a loving, caring doctor, who during his years of practice delivered 5,000 babies. Karl Breitenbach, MD joined the Basin Clinic in 1987. Rodney Anderson, MD, Laura Arnold, MD (since moved), Kirk Woodward, MD, then Michael Olsen, MD later joined. Currently, the four physicians have a combined 92 years of experience. The Basin Clinic has continued to thrive and provide for the community in a way that would make Dr. Stringham very proud.

Kirk Woodward, MD attended medical school at the American University of the Caribbean, completing his residency with Mercy Health Systems in Wisconsin. He is a board-certified family practice provider offering a variety of services in complete family care. He enjoys spending time with his family, outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, motor sports and ranching. He is active in his community and the church. Dr. Woodward and his wife Sherilee have four children - Kaylee Ann, Crystal, Wil and Jackson.

Karl Breitenbach, MD attended medical school at the University of Missouri, completing his residency with the University of Utah and McKay Dee hospital. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. He offers a variety of medical services in complete family care including obstetrics. His personal interests include white water rafting, mountain biking, archery, hunting, fishing, photography and backpacking. Dr. Breitenbach and his wife, Paula have four children - Ryan Merrell, Nikki Merrell, Makenzie Breitenbach and Kagan Breitenbach.

Rodney Anderson, MD attended medical school at the University of Utah, completing his residency at the University of Wyoming in Casper, Wyoming. He received additional training in pediatrics at the Denver Children's Hospital and Denver General Hospital. He also received additional obstetrical training at Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas and John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He completed his fellowship training with the American Academy of Family Physicians. He offers a full spectrum of family health care. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, river running, golfing, and watching his kids participate in numerous activities. Dr. Anderson and his wife, Terri have seven children - Devin, Kasi, Niki, Scott, Derek, Dani and Collin. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Michael Olsen, MD attended medical school at the American University of the Caribbean, completing his post-graduate training at the Mercy Health System Family Practice Residency Program in Janesville, Wisconsin. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He provides primary care to the entire family. He enjoys the outdoors, religion, and spending time with his family. Dr. Olsen and his wife, Amy have five children - Hannah, Thomas, Taylor, Andrew, and Grace.

Uintah Basin Healthcare and the Basin Clinic have a strong history of partnering to improve services to the Basin. We have joined forces in the past to lease buildings to this group of talented physicians, to provide lab and radiology services on-site and to build a strong foundation which has led to where we are today. We look forward to a bright future together.

Karl Breitenbach, MD states, "It is such a privilege to care for the families in our practice. I respect Uintah Basin Healthcare's goal of providing high quality affordable care to the people of the Uintah Basin and surrounding areas. I feel this partnership will provide increased opportunities for our patients to obtain the care they deserve."

The four physicians signed official documents with Uintah Basin Healthcare at a signing event held on October 3, 2019. The process of transition will take place over the next few months. The anticipated go-live date is January 27, 2020.

The location for the "Basin Clinic" will remain at 379 N 500 W in Vernal. Patients may continue to call the same phone number (435.789.1165) to schedule an appointment. Staffing will remain the same. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Olsen and Dr. Woodward will continue with their family practice in the clinic. Dr. Breitenbach will continue with his family practice as well and will also continue with obstetrics in the Vernal area.

"At the end of the day, this agreement will allow the Basin Clinic physicians, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants and employees to focus on what they do best while we provide the necessary business operations just as we do with our existing clinic practices. We welcome the Basin Clinic group to our UBH family and look forward to continued growth ahead" stated Jim Marshall, President & CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive independent rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



Basin Clinic Doctors: Michael Olsen, MD, Kirk Woodward, MD, Rodney Anderson, MD, Karl Breitenbach, MD & Jim Marshall, UBH President & CEO at signing event as Basin Clinic joins Uintah Basin Healthcare.