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Choptank Health's new Federalsburg Health Center receives County funding

Choptank Community Health System has received \$750k from Caroline County to help fund the construction of its new Hayman Ave. Federalsburg facility. The new community health center is also supported with federal funding, with a spring 2024 anticipated completion date.

Choptank Health CEO Sara Rich says that its current Federalsburg health center currently sees more than 5,100 medical and dental patients in its Bloomingdale Ave. facility and has outgrown the space.

"We are extremely grateful for the County's support of our new Federalsburg facility," said Choptank Health CEO Sara Rich. "This investment helps prioritize the best access to quality care for Caroline County and Federalsburg residents as we move forward towards construction of this state-of-the-art new facility."

"Having accessible health care in a modern health care facility is important for Caroline County residents," said Caroline County Commissioner President Lary Porter. "We're grateful for Choptank Health's commitment to quality care, and to be able to support their new building's construction through this funding."

Choptank Community Health System announced its plans for the new 20,000 square-foot Federalsburg health center in Oct. 2021, after purchasing land for its new facility on Hayman Ave. The new center also received an \$829K U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration one-time capital improvement grant in support of its expanded health care infrastructure.

Architectural and engineering firm George, Miles & Buhr, LLC of Salisbury is charged with the new facilities' design. The new Federalsburg facility will include expanded spaces for dental and medical services, more parking, and space for Choptank Health's residency programs and behavioral health services for patients.

GMB serves local, national, and international clients with a team of more than 90 professionals working from a network of Mid-Atlantic region offices. The firm was founded in 1960, with local architectural projects including the Onley, Eastville, and Atlantic Community Health Centers in Virginia; the Denton Health Center and Caroline County EMS Facility in Denton, Md.; and the Salisbury University Center for Entrepreneurship in Salisbury, Md.

Choptank Community Health System provides medical and dental services in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties, with a mission to provide access to exceptional, comprehensive, and integrated health care for all. Choptank Community Health's medical services include primary health care, women's health, pediatrics, behavioral health, chronic health management, and care navigation, with new medical patients now being accepted. More information is at choptankhealth.org.

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From left: Caroline County Commission Vice President Dan Franklin, Choptank Community Health System CEO Sara Rich, Caroline County Commission President Larry Porter, and Caroline County Commissioner Wilbur Levengood, Jr. gather at a recent commissioners meeting. Caroline County recently provided \$750k in funding to help fund the construction of Choptank Health's new Hayman Ave. Federalsburg facility. The new community health center is also supported with federal funding, with a spring 2024 anticipated completion date. The facility will include expanded parking along with more spaces and rooms for medical and dental services. More is at www.choptankhealth.org.