

Gelatt to retire as office manager of Western Sierra Medical Clinic's Downieville facility

DOWNIEVILLE, Calif. – Longtime Downieville resident CC Gelatt will retire as office manager of the Western Sierra Medical Clinic facility in Downieville on Dec. 31.

Gelatt joined the clinic as a front-office receptionist in 1998, and was promoted to office manager in 2010.

Gelatt has handled numerous duties over the years, from billing and payroll to determining health insurance coverage for patients and facilities management.

“I always loved Downieville and wanted to return,” said Gelatt, who was raised in Downieville but later moved to Nevada City and endured a long commute to Sacramento for many years. She moved back to Downieville when she joined Western Sierra Medical Clinic in 1998. “It’s been a dream come true to reconnect with people from childhood. It’s been great to come back and see schoolmates and neighbors who I grew up with.”

Gelatt, who will continue to work in the office one day a week, plans to travel with friends and return to playing golf after a 30-year hiatus.

“CC has been a wonderful office manager, and an excellent Downieville community ambassador for the health center,” said Western Sierra CEO Scott McFarland. “She is a can-do and do-everything member of the team who is always available to help patients and staff. We will truly miss her, but we wish her the best with her well-deserved retirement.”

Brenda Black, a registered dental assistant, will become the new office manager at the Downieville facility. Black, another longtime Downieville resident and a 25-year employee of Western Sierra, has been a registered dental assistant in the Grass Valley and Downieville facilities. She will continue providing dental services on Tuesdays.

“Brenda has the historical knowledge of the health center and the community, and she knows how to get things done,” Gelatt said. “The Downieville health center is in excellent hands.”

About Western Sierra Medical Clinic

Western Sierra Medical Clinic provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care in Nevada, Sierra and Yuba counties. Founded in 1975, Western Sierra emphasizes preventive care, education and empowering patients to make informed decisions. Western Sierra provides services for the HMO and private markets, and to low-income and senior citizens. Western Sierra is the largest outpatient health care provider in Nevada County, where a new full-service health clinic meets the growing demands in the community. You can learn more about Western Sierra Medical Clinic at www.wsmcmed.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WesternSierraMedicalClinic.