

WESTERN SIERRA MEDICAL CLINIC TO OPEN LARGE HEALTH CENTER ON PROFESSIONAL DRIVE, ITS SECOND IN AS MANY MONTHS IN AUBURN

AUBURN – Western Sierra Medical Clinic will open a second and much larger health center Dec. 5 in Auburn, the latest effort to meet the burgeoning demand for health care services in central and south Placer County.

The new health center at 3111 Professional Drive – behind Home Depot and just south of Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital – will initially offer primary care services, including pediatrics and women’s health. Behavioral health will likely soon be added at the 7,500-square-foot health center.

Western Sierra, a nonprofit community health center, has about 1,000 patients from the Auburn community receiving care at its Grass Valley site in 2015. “We are always evaluating the needs of our patients and ways to keep care locally, as well as provide more specialty care,” said Western Sierra CEO Scott McFarland. “We are dedicated to working with our community partners and making health care easier for Auburn residents, from closer-to-home health centers to the services we provide.”

Dental services and a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program for those dealing with substance abuse are also possible additions at the Professional Drive health center.

“We are continuously looking at how we can expand and improve health care,” said Dr. Heather Lucas-Ross, Chief Medical Officer of Western Sierra. “Additional services are part of the plan.”

In order to meet the health care needs of the fast-growing community, Western Sierra has established a patient transfer agreement with Sutter Auburn Faith, and is working closely with Placer County Department of Health and Human Services and many other health-related organizations in the region.

Western Sierra opened a 2,300-square-foot health center in early October on Locksley Lane in Auburn, about 2 miles from the Professional Drive location. Both health centers will continue to operate and share some staff.

For example, Dr. Derek Hughes, who has almost two decades of experience as a pediatrician in the Sacramento region, will treat children at the Locksley Lane and Professional Drive health centers. The Professional Drive site will be open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Locksley is open Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Locksley Lane health center is the first in Placer County for Western Sierra. The nonprofit health provider will open a center during the first quarter in Kings Beach (Tahoe).

Western Sierra, the largest outpatient provider in Nevada and Sierra counties, provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care. Western Sierra has also recently established a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program at its largest, one-stop health center in Grass Valley. The MAT program offers much-needed substance abuse service to residents, especially those battling opioids such as prescription pain medications and heroin.

“We are committed to the region and looking forward to providing effective and efficient health care services for current and future patients that live in the Auburn area,” McFarland said. “

About Western Sierra Medical Clinic

Western Sierra Medical Clinic provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care in Nevada, Sierra, Yuba counties, and recently expanded to Placer County. Western Sierra has opened an Auburn health center, with another health center to open in December in the community. Western Sierra will also open a health center in Kings Beach. Founded in 1975, Western Sierra emphasizes preventive care, education and empowering patients to make informed decisions. You can learn more about Western Sierra Medical Clinic at www.wsmcmed.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WesternSierraMedicalClinic.