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New Registered Nurse at Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces the hiring of Melissa Propp, RN as a Public Health Nurse.



“Melissa brings excellent skills and a variety of nursing experiences that will make her a valuable team member,” explains Myra Stoney, Director SWNPHD. “Melissa feels strongly about prevention opportunities through the health department and we are looking forward to helping her create more awareness of these preventive measures for the public.”

She has an extensive background in nursing: Medical Surgical, Adult & Cardiac Intensive Care, Neonatal (preterm & ill newborns) Intensive Care, and Labor & Delivery.

“I enjoy working for Myra and the positive interaction with staff at SWNPHD,” declares Propp. “I am excited about meeting medical staff in the district, as well as helping citizens learn more about immunizations, screenings and additional preventive actions.” Melissa is married to Randy Propp and they have a son, Matthew.

Melissa will coordinate the Vaccines for Children program, adult & child immunizations, flu shots, PHONE nurse program, and assist with surveillance activities. She will also be involved with numerous clinical services: Hemocult screening, TB testing, blood pressure clinics, school based health screenings, health promotion & education, childcare provider health screenings, lead poisoning screenings and preventive health screenings.

For more information on programs at SWNPHD view our website at www.swhealth.ne.gov, contact Myra Stoney at email: info@swhealth.ne.gov or call 308-345-4223. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook – one block north of Arby's. You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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