

Falls City Hospital Adds Healthcare Professionals

(KLZA)-- Community Medical Center Administrator Ryan Larsen presented information from the 2016 Annual Report on the Falls City Hospital last Thursday.

Larsen touched on new medical staff members, and pointed out what he feels are strong points, and areas in which he would like to see improvement based on an independent review. CMC was in the 9th percentile nationally for overall quality.

Four new members joined the medical staff at CMC in 2016. Dr. Justin Westengaard started work at the Family Medicine Clinic. Grant Anderson joined Falls City Family Practice as a physician assistant. Kylee Meyer and Emma Kelly joined CMC's hospital based practitioner groups, which provide emergency room coverage and help coordinate in-patient care with other practitioners.

Larsen says CMC is committed to having doctors and nurses and physical therapists on staff as the professional population ages. He says that is part of being there for the public.

CMC had a profit of nearly \$2.2-million in 2016. Larsen said its about people, not about the dollars. He says efforts have been made to reduce prices and increase the amount of charity care. In the past five years the payroll for medical has increased more than \$1.3-million on an annual basis. Over that same time frame, patient revenues have increased by about five-million dollars.

The annual report points out that expanding services has led to increased revenue, which allows CMC to invest back into patient care, equipment modernization and outreach.

For 2016 CMC Community benefits which includes subsidized health services, bad debts, charity care, community services, medical education and community building activities totaled more than \$1.7-million