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Harrisburg Medical Center joint venture with Southern Illinois Psychiatry, LLC.

Harrisburg Medical Center and the Mulberry Center have been known for many years as the leading inpatient Behavioral Health provider in southern Illinois. Through this dedication, Harrisburg Medical Center is pleased to announce that as of October 1, 2018, we will begin a joint venture with Southern Illinois Psychiatry, LLC to provide patients with better and more comprehensive behavioral health care service. This partnership will expand the scope of services provided to our communities through additional outpatient services.

Naeem Qureshi, MD, FAPA, Gabriel Martin, PA-C, Kasey Harner, NP, and Katrina Tripp, PA-C will begin seeing patients at the HMC Clinic at Harrisburg, the HMC Clinic at Marion and Eldorado Primary Care beginning October 1, 2018.

Dr. Qureshi has experience working with both adults and children and started Southern Illinois Psychiatry in July 2006. He is involved in teaching Resident Students from SIU Family Practice, Medical Students from SIU School of Medicine and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, and University of Illinois – College of Medicine at Rockford, IL as well as Physician Assistant students from SIU.

Gabriel Martin, PA-C, is originally from Eldorado, IL. He obtained a Bachelor's of Science followed by Physician Assistant from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale in 2005. Gabe has his Physician Assistant Certification through the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and is involved with the Physician Assistant Program at SIU Carbondale as a Student Preceptor. He joined Southern Illinois Psychiatry in March of 2007 and has experience working with both adults and children.

Kasey Harner, NP, is originally from Equality, IL. She obtained her nursing degree in 2012 from Southeastern IL College. She then received her Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration followed by her Master's in Nursing from Walden University. Kasey is a board certified family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and is a member of the IL Society of Advanced Practice Nurses (APNA). She is also a member of the American Psychiatric

Nurses Association (APNA). Kasey joined Southern Illinois Psychiatry in 2018 and has experience working with both adults and children.

Katrina Tripp, PA-C, is originally from Anna, IL. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with a minor in Chemistry from Southern Illinois University. She then continued to obtain her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Southern Illinois University of Carbondale. Katrina has her Physician Assistant Certification through the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). She joined Southern Illinois Psychiatry in December 2013 and has experience working with both adults and children.

Harrisburg Medical Center and Southern Illinois Psychiatry are committed to further integrate the services of Mulberry Center and outpatient primary care services. We continue to make improvements and the appropriate changes in order to better serve patients in the community.