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New Public Health Dental Clinic in Sturgis!

Sturgis, MI — Sturgis, Michigan will soon be the new home of the fourth public dental center operated by My Community Dental Centers, Inc. (MCDC) on behalf of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. The center will be a new resource open to the community and will serve children and adults enrolled in Medicaid, including Healthy Kids Dental, MiChild and the Healthy Michigan Plan, as well as low income people who lack dental insurance. The center will also serve persons with private insurance.

MCDC currently operates 31 public dental centers on behalf of local health departments throughout the state. The organization focuses on quality care that is patient-centered and patient-friendly. “MCDC looks forward to providing a dental home for residents in Sturgis and surrounding communities who have previously been unable to find a dentist” said Dr. Amanda Desjardins, D.D.S., Chief Dental Officer for MCDC.

It is anticipated the four chair center, with capacity for six chairs, will be opening in November 2016. New patients interested in making an appointment can call **877-313-6232**. The center, which will be located at 1525 E. US 12, in the Maplecrest Plaza, will provide comprehensive dental services including: oral exam/cleanings, fillings, tooth removal, partials, dentures, and other dental procedures. A sliding fee schedule, based on household income, is also available.

A lack of access to dental care negatively affects the community’s health and well-being. “This new center is a much needed asset in the community” stated Rebecca Burns, Health Officer for the tri-county health department. “The county has been classified as a dental health professional shortage area by the federal government for

some time. We look forward to having this new resource available to our residents who need oral health care but cannot find a provider.”

For more information about oral health issues or the health department’s partnership with My Community Dental Centers, Inc., please visit our website at www.bhsj.org.

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