

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Sequim Free Clinic Appoints New Administrative Director**

Dungeness Health & Wellness Clinic board president, Dr. Audrey Gift, announced today that Sara A. Nicholls has been appointed Administrative Director of the Dungeness Valley Health and Wellness Clinic, Sequim's Free Clinic. She replaces Pamela Leonard-Ray who was recently elected as a Council Member for the City of Sequim. Nicholls appointment was effective June 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.

"Sara was chosen from a number of qualified applicants", Gift said. "She brings extensive experience in both the nonprofit and healthcare fields to the Sequim Fee Clinic and will help us grow our resources to keep pace with the ever changing patient needs." As Administrative Director, Nicholls will work together with Clinic Director Rose Gibbs, RN, MHA/MPA, CNAA and Medical Director Kip Tulin, MD.

Nicholls served with the United Way of Kootenai County in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho that was a much larger organization with an annual budget of \$550K. She was responsible for the financial reporting, annual audit and 990-tax preparation. She gained experience writing grants and being the face of the organization in the community, activities she will focus on for the clinic. She moved to Sequim with her husband in May of 2015. Some of you may know her in her most recent healthcare experience that was right here in Sequim with Paragon Dermatology.

Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic is Sequim's Free Clinic that provides access to health care for the underserved in the community and promotes wellness. It is the only clinic on the north Olympic Peninsula to provide care to those without insurance at the time of their first visit to the clinic.

Additional information about the clinic is available at [www.sequimfreeclinc.org](http://www.sequimfreeclinc.org).

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