

Pana Community Hospital Acquires Cowden Medical Clinic

Pana Community Hospital is pleased to announce it has acquired the Cowden Medical Clinic as the newest physician clinic the hospital owns. Cindy Rich, APRN has owned and operated the clinic since 2006 and plans to remain at the clinic to serve patients in the Cowden-Herrick areas. Rich stated: "I was looking for an organization to purchase and oversee the operations of my practice. I felt Pana Community Hospital was a perfect match and I am happy to have them a part of our clinic."

Cowden Medical Clinic plans to continue operations as normal, including keeping all the same staff that currently serve the office. The only change will be the clinic's name. It will become **Cowden Medical Group** to be in line with the names of the other clinics owned by the hospital. "The purchase of our clinic by Pana Community Hospital will only enhance the services and care we are able to offer our patients," stated Rich.

Trina Casner, President and CEO of Pana Community Hospital is excited to welcome the clinic into our hospital family. Casner stated: "Cindy Rich and the staff of Cowden Medical Clinic have a strong tradition of providing quality care in the Cowden-Herrick area. It is our hospital's mission to bring exceptional care to small rural communities within our service area, so residents do not have to travel far for healthcare services. This collaboration is a perfect fit for all."

Pana Community Hospital currently has physician clinics in Pana, Assumption, Nokomis, Ramsey as well as the Cowden Clinic. The hospital also has a walk-in clinic called Community Medical Clinic's ExpressCARE located near the Emergency entrance at the hospital which is open 7 days a week to serve patients when physician offices may be full or closed. The hospital employs 5 family physicians and 8 Nurse Practitioners to staff all the clinics. Quad County Home Health, Hospice and Medical Equipment & Supplies which serves the Christian, Shelby, Fayette, Montgomery and Macoupin Counties is also part of the hospital family. Pana Community Hospital employs over 300 people and is the largest employer in Pana.

