

PRESS RELEASE

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Our Mad River Women's Health Clinic is transitioning its operations to Open Door and we couldn't be happier. Open Door and MRCH have been working over the past few months to coordinate a safe transition for providers and patients. Open Door has had a long professional association with MRCH, and all providers are remaining in our community.

Mad River Community Hospital does not generally comment on the circumstances of a separation with any of its providers. We respect each of our providers, appreciate their service to our patients, and wish them the best in their professional careers during and following their time with us.

It is unfortunate that Dr. Kim Ervin has chosen, in complete disregard of her confidentiality obligations in her contract, to misrepresent and mislead the public about the Hospital's commitment to high quality healthcare in our small community, which has been our guiding principle for over 50 years.

MRCH did not initiate contract termination for Dr. Ervin. Contrary to previously published statements, the circumstances of her departure from Mad River were of her own choosing. In particular, as a result of a number of ongoing issues, including interpersonal issues with our fine staff, unprofessional behavior, and Dr. Ervin's voluntary resignation from the Women's Health Clinic, the Hospital made a decision to accept her resignation.

As the contract resignation date approached, Dr. Ervin asked the Hospital to extend the expiration date so that she could remain with the Hospital. We agreed, and we extended the resignation date. As the extended resignation date approached, she again requested an extension to remain with the Hospital, but the Hospital denied this request. Nevertheless, following contract resignation, Dr. Ervin refused to accept her status and, in fact, entered the clinic, occupied her former desk, and berated our staff for informing her she was no longer a clinician with Mad River. We cannot and do not tolerate that type of behavior. Accordingly, we were forced to issue a cease and desist letter to her.

To this very day, Dr. Ervin continues to request that we contract with her, despite her willingness to attempt to tarnish our Hospital's awarded reputation. While Dr. Ervin remains a physician with medical privileges at MRCH, we are not willing to contract with her again.

It was not our intention to discuss this publicly, but since Dr. Ervin has taken liberties with her contract and the truth, we wish to set the record straight.

In summary, all providers are remaining in our community and MRCH and Open Door are working together to provide a safe transition for providers and patients. It is foreseen that clinics will stay at their current site on the MRCH campus.