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Free medical clinic volunteers to start training sessions

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Representatives of the new Volunteers in Medicine free medical clinic have scheduled orientation sessions for lay volunteers who will help staff the clinic

The sessions will be offered at the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Avenue, at the following times and locations:

- From 11 a.m. to noon, March 24, in Room 1C.
- From 7 to 8 p.m. March 27 in Room 1B
- From 7 to 8 p.m. April 3 in Room 1B.

Volunteers will learn about volunteer roles in the clinic and begin the application process for specific volunteer positions.

Volunteers will be scheduled to work in the clinic in four-hour shifts Monday through Friday.

“Our lay volunteers are critical to the operation of our clinic,” said Elizabeth Sturgeon, the clinic’s executive director. “They will fill important roles that require them to interact with patients, assist in completing paperwork and support our medical professionals as they provide care.”

Lay volunteer positions available at the clinic include greeters, patient escorts, receptionists, eligibility assessors, appointment schedulers, interpreters, medical record volunteers, transcribers, clerical assistant, pharmacy volunteer, pharmacy cashier, patient educators, fitness and wellness instructors, computer support, data entry volunteers, and event planning volunteers.

Scheduled to open April 23, the new free medical clinic will be at 333 E. Miller Drive in Bloomington, in the space that currently houses Bloomington Hospital’s Community Health Access Program (CHAP) clinic.

Staffed by hundreds of medical and lay volunteers, the Volunteers in Medicine clinic will provide primary and preventive healthcare services to the 16,000 residents of Owen and Monroe Counties who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for medical care. Patients will be treated for both acute and chronic conditions.

For more information or to volunteer for the Volunteers in Medicine clinic, visit

www.vimmonroecounty.org online or send an email to info@vimmonroecounty.org.

To make a donation to the clinic, contact the Bloomington Hospital Foundation at 353-9528.



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