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## **Clinic picks executive, volunteerism directors**

**Elizabeth Sturgeon, Loraine Addison and VIM medical director Dr. Eric Bannec gearing up for April 23 opening**

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Elizabeth Sturgeon has been named executive director of the new Volunteers in Medicine free medical clinic, scheduled to open April 23.

In addition, the board of directors has named Loraine Addison as the clinic's director of volunteer services.

Sturgeon will manage a handful of paid employees and hundreds of medical and lay volunteers as they provide care for thousands of patients.

She has left Aegis Women's Healthcare, where she helped manage daily operations during the past decade, including the last two years as practice administrator.

Sturgeon is certified in medical practice management through the American Academy of Medical Management.

"I'm really enthused about working at a place where I can be of service to my community and helping people who are in need," said Sturgeon in a prepared statement. "When I heard about the group's vision, I knew Volunteers in Medicine was something I wanted to be part of."

Sturgeon, who's lived in Solsberry most of her life, studied commercial art and graphic design at the University of Evansville, Harlaxton College in England and Indiana University. She is now working toward a business and art degree at the University of Evansville.

"My first goal is to get the right systems in place for a smooth opening and ongoing success and growth," Sturgeon said.

Dr. Eric Bannec, the clinic's medical director, said "Elizabeth is sincerely dedicated to the cause and I'm looking forward to utilizing her administrative expertise."

Bannec, who is now recruiting doctors and will later help manage medical care in the clinic, is serving as a volunteer.

Addison will recruit and help manage the medical and lay volunteers. She's now looking for volunteers to work in four-hour shifts during clinic hours Monday through Friday.

Volunteer positions at the clinic include physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, psychologists, patient educators, greeters, fitness and wellness instructors, and administrative and operational support personnel.

“I take great pride in becoming part of the Volunteers in Medicine team,” Addison said in a prepared statement. “The outpouring of local support for this health-care initiative is tremendous and a telling attribute of our community’s generosity and philanthropic tradition.”

In the past, Addison has spearheaded volunteer efforts for the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival and the local Communities United to Strengthen America campaign. She has also worked for the Center for Behavioral Health in various capacities, serving as residential specialist and case manager for the center’s group homes.

Addison, a Unionville resident, has also worked as a music programmer and special events coordinator for WFHB Community Radio.

The community-operated, community-owned and community-financed Volunteers in Medicine clinic is modeled after a national program with a history of success in other communities around the country.

The clinic will be at 333 E. Miller Drive in the space that currently houses Bloomington Hospital’s CHAP clinic.

It will provide primary and preventive health care to residents of Monroe and Owen counties who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for such services.

For more information or to volunteer for the Volunteers in Medicine clinic, visit [www.vimmonroecounty.org](http://www.vimmonroecounty.org) online or send an e-mail to [info@VIMMonroeCounty.org](mailto:info@VIMMonroeCounty.org). To make a donation to the clinic, contact the Bloomington Hospital Foundation at 353-9528.

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