

Comprehensive care at VIM

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To the editor:

I am privileged to be both a clinician and a board member for Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe and Owen County. As a nurse practitioner provider, I am proud of the high standards of care maintained by the paid staff and volunteers, using best clinical practices. We are fortunate to have an excellent medical director in Dr. Dwain Illman, MD, and a smart, collegial pharmacist Ed Hinds and an outstanding staff. Together with volunteers, the team demonstrates compassionate care, community involvement and an understanding of cultural differences. We now use electronic health records to enable us to communicate more effectively with other local clinicians and practices, making comprehensive care as seamless as possible for our patients.

As a board member, I am impressed with overall attention to fiscal responsibility and long-range planning, especially as the Affordable Care Act comes under fire. VIM bridges the gap between the ACA and Medicaid/HIP2.0, and the board takes seriously our commitment to provide health care to vulnerable people, no matter what. We will continue to be this bridge, with the support of the community and local funding. We are proud to contribute to the welcoming place that distinguishes our city of Bloomington.

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