

Changes at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services

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Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services will receive \$697,179 from the Federal Communications Commission to support its telehealth services, setting the stage for continued and future growth. RMCHCS is the only hospital in New Mexico to receive funding during the most recent wave of awards, announced in December.

“The pandemic is fueling the need for expanded telehealth services to improve remote communication between patients and their care providers,” RMCHCS Chief of Staff Dr. Ayodele Erinle said. “Additional funding provides essential support for our hospital to enrich this work.

“During a time when many people feel safer at home or can’t access a medical facility, telehealth provides an avenue for receiving care, exchanging vital information, addressing immediate needs and preventing gaps in ongoing treatment.”

The hospital will use FCC funds from the competitive program to purchase remote monitoring kits that will allow patients to test vital signs from home and share health information with providers. In addition, the hospital will purchase updated laptops for providers to facilitate virtual visits. This will also include upgrading the hospital phone systems to digital platforms to improve security, patient care and patient experience.

The hospital is also finalizing plans now to add tele-ICU services to treat some of the most serious conditions. Tele-ICU will augment the capabilities of critical care physicians and staff by connecting them with virtual support at the bedside. The tele-ICU program will also offer staff education resources to enrich the capabilities available at the hospital.

HOSPITAL HIRES INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RMCHCS hired an interim Chief Financial Officer Jan. 4. She is Chantelle Wenz Venter.

Venter's background includes 20 years' experience as a healthcare executive, including 10 years specializing in healthcare operations, finance, and accounting. She plans to complete her MBA in Healthcare Management at Southern New Hampshire University in the spring.