



Siletz Clinic welcomes Dr. Michael Flaningham and improved access for patients

By Cherity Bloom-Miller, Clinical Services Director

Starting July, 26, 2021, Dr. Michael Flaningham comes to us from California with years of internal medicine experience. He and his wife are excited to get out of the hustle and bustle of California and start their life on the Oregon coast. They have three children; two attend our Oregon state colleges, one at OSU and one at UO. Beavers vs. Ducks!

He joins the Siletz Community Health Clinic's team of Dr. Lisa Emond; Lisa

Taylor, FNP; Dr. Stephen Burns; and Tami Martin, FNP. Dr. Emond has been with us for about a year now. She has many years of experience in internal medicine, along with wound care. She is currently accepting new patients.

Lisa Taylor, FNP, has been with SCHC for 20 years and is a very experienced family practice provider. She also serves as the clinic's medical director. She currently has a full patient load and is not seeing new patients.

Dr. Burns is a pediatrician who has been with SCHC since the clinic was established in 1992. He is partially retired, but continues to see kids age 18 and younger 2-3 days per week.

Tami Martin, FNP, has been with our clinic for five years now. She is able to see patients of all ages.

With the addition of two internal medicine providers, we are modifying scheduling access to have one provider who is dedicated to being available for appointments that are needed same-day or on short notice. Tami will serve in the role as the acute care provider. As she transitions to the acute provider role, she will work with the patients for whom she has been providing primary care services to transition them to either Dr. Emond or Dr. Flaningham.

Tami's new role as acute care provider will include the following:

- Appointments for acute care issues and follow-up of acute care issues. Acute issues are usually concerns or symptoms that have been bothering you for three days or less. Some examples include flu-like symptoms, sore throat, ear pain, sinus pain, uri-

nary tract infections, skin infection, vomiting and diarrhea. Other issues that might require an appointment with Tami can include an injury to an extremity that happened in the previous 5-7 days, back pain that has been bothering you no more than seven days or other health concerns that have happened within past 5-7 days.

- Appointments for women's health care, including annual PAP smears, birth control issues, IUD and Nexplanon placements.
- Tami will participate with the Medication Assisted Therapy program, providing MAT pre-treatment physicals and ongoing MAT care.
- Tami will be the lead for our hepatitis C treatment program.
- You might see Tami after an ER visit and/or hospital admission. She will work closely with primary care providers to assure seamless care from that point and transition back to the patient's primary care provider.

Our goal is to continue to provide the best care for Tribal members and the community. I am excited to move toward this model of care.



'Keystone XL is dead!'

Dallas Goldtooth wrote on Twitter: "We took on a multi-billion dollar corporation and we won!"

From Indian Country Today; originally posted June 9, 2021

The Keystone XL pipeline project is officially terminated, the sponsor company announced Wednesday.

Calgary-based TC Energy is pulling the plug on the project after Canadian officials failed to persuade President Joe Biden to reverse his cancellation of its permit on the day he took office.

The company said it would work with government agencies "to ensure a safe termination of and exit from" the partially built line, which was to transport crude from the oil sand fields of western Canada to Steele City, Neb.

"Through the process, we developed meaningful Indigenous equity opportunities and a first-of-its-kind, industry leading plan to operate the pipeline with net-zero emissions throughout its lifecycle," said François Poirier, TC Energy's president and chief executive officer in a statement.

The pipeline has been front and center of the fight against climate change, especially in Indigenous communities. Native people have been speaking out, organizing, and in opposition of the project for several years.

"OMG! It's official," Dallas Goldtooth, Mdewakanton Dakota and Diné, wrote on Twitter regarding Keystone XL's termination. "We took on a multi-billion dollar corporation and we won!"

Goldtooth is part of the Indigenous Environmental Network. The network said it has been organizing for more than 10 years against the pipeline.

"We are dancing in our hearts because of this victory!" wrote the network in a statement. "From Dene territories in Northern Alberta to Indigenous lands along the Gulf of Mexico, we stood hand-in-hand to protect the next seven generations of life, the water and our communities from this dirty tar sands pipeline. And that struggle is vindicated. This is not the end – but merely the beginning of further victories."

The network noted that water protector Oscar High Elk still faces charges for standing against Keystone.

Construction on the 1,200-mile pipeline began last year when former President Donald Trump revived the long-delayed project after it had stalled under the Obama administration.

It would have moved up to 830,000 barrels of crude daily, connecting in Nebraska to other pipelines that feed oil refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Biden canceled it in January over long-standing concerns that burning oil sands crude would make climate change worse.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had objected to the move, although officials in Alberta, where the line originated, expressed disappointment in recent

First Ever! Greater Siletz Community Meeting!

This will be a special listening and question-and-answer session for the 40% of Siletz Tribal members living outside of our 11-county service area. Let's talk about the possibilities. We are here to listen to your concerns and answer questions you might have in the areas of health, housing and education.

Join us on Zoom

Date: July 13, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time (U.S. and Canada)

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