



# Ferry County Public Hospital District

*Improving Health – Saving Lives*

## Welcome Dr. Richard B. Garcia, DO

FCPHD Board of Trustees welcomes Dr. Richard Garcia, DO, Family Practice Physician to our community.

First, you may be wondering what DO stands for since we are accustomed to seeing MD, Medical Doctor or Doctor of Medicine following the name. DO stands for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. The difference in the two terms from differences in teaching styles and focus during medical schools. Both attend four years of medical school and complete the same residency programs. Emphasis in DO education is on the whole patient rather than just on the diseased or injured part, however MD education is shifting now to a more “whole person” look. Dr. Garcia also can increase our services practice with manipulation therapy.

Dr. Garcia grew up in Kalamazo, Michigan and earned his BA & MA at Michigan State University in East Lansing. He then earned his DO at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Lewisburg. This school is one of 19 DO schools in the US, and is rated #1 in Rural Primary Care. He completed his residency in Chica-



go. A Captain in the Army National Guard, Dr. Garcia has and is serving in a medical and relief capacity in various parts of the world.

Why Republic and Ferry County Public Hospital District? Dr. Garcia first became interested in the area a few years ago when he took a camping/hiking trip to Sandpoint and decided he wanted to practice in an area with similar outdoor opportunities. After looking at many locations, he picked Republic because the area met his criteria and the work opportunity fit his needs for the type of practice he looks to establish—one that focuses on the health and wellness of the whole individual rather than just treating the sickness or disease.

Dr. Garcia looks forward to meeting and serving the people of Ferry County as well as exploring and enjoying our great outdoor opportunities. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Garcia as we continue to move forward in our mission “To strengthen the health and well-being of our community through partnership and trust”.

*Dave Iverson, Nancy Betschart, DiAnne Lundgren, Ron Bacon, Nancy Giddings*