



## Welcome Jodi Petersen, ARNP

The FCPHD Board of Trustees invites the community to join us in welcoming ARNP Jodi Petersen as the newest member to our team of medical providers. Jodi joins us after his employment in the Selkirk Community Health Center, located in Ione WA and operated by the N.E. Washington Health Programs Association, which also operates other clinics in Stevens, Pend Oreille, and north Spokane counties.

Although during his youth Jodi grew up in White Plains, Alabama (population 810) before moving a little north to Chattanooga, Tennessee for his high school senior year, one is hard pressed to notice any “southern” accent. He then earned his nursing degree before entering and completing his ARNP studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, through which he finished his family practice requirements at N.E. Washington Health Programs Association. This led to his employment with them at Ione for the past 8.5 years.

Why the switch to Ferry County Public Hospital District (FCPHD) and Republic? Jodi and his wife for the past 11 years, Jennifer, began looking for rural open property in NE Washington for raising the two children, Jesi (age 6) and Jami (age 4) and, during a drive through Republic, saw the hospital sign and decided to check it out. One thing led



to another and now we are proud to have Jodi and his family join our community and help him enjoy some gardening, hiking and perhaps get back into some mountain biking.

It may be well to briefly explain – what is an ARNP? The initials represent the term “Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner,” which is a nurse with advanced practice skills who has completed

graduate-level education (Masters or Doctorate degree) with specific training and certification in the diagnosis and management of common as well as complex medical conditions. Nurse practitioners also focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education. In our state, their scope of practice includes assuming primary responsibility and accountability for care of patients; examining patients and establishing diagnoses by patient history, physical examination, and treatment of patients. In other words, Jodi is well qualified and certified to be your family primary care provider.

Please join us in welcoming ARNP Jodi Petersen and his family as we continue to move forward in continuing our mission “To strengthen the health and well-being of our community through partnership and trust.”

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