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Melissa Hackett, FNP to join Richmond Area Health Center

RICHMOND – In November, Melissa Hackett, FNP will be joining the medical staff at Richmond Area Health Center. Melissa received a Master of Science in Nursing degree at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2011. Previously she obtained an undergraduate degree in Biology and Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA.

Melissa grew up in the Richmond area and is looking forward to returning to the community to provide primary care services. She has special interest in the promotion of healthy lifestyle habits and the integration of complementary and traditional medicine to improve overall

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wellness. She brings experience working as a registered nurse in a hospital setting as well as serving in the capacity of a nurse practitioner in a neurology practice, including hospital inpatient consultations and management of acute neurological complaints.

Melissa will be working alongside physicians Linda Hermans and Elizabeth Rudenberg, nurse practitioner Tom Bartol, and clinical social worker Louise Gephart to provide primary care and prevention services for 2,600 residents of Richmond, Gardiner, Litchfield, Dresden, Bowdoinham, Pittston, and surrounding towns.

Richmond Area Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit celebrating a 40-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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