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McHENRY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DENTAL CLINIC CLOSES DOORS

OPERATIONS CEASED EFFECTIVE JULY 26

WOODSTOCK IL – Effective Tuesday, July 26, the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) Dental Clinic ceased operations and is no longer seeing patients. Following the resignation of the Dental Coordinator and with direction from the Board of Health the decision was made that continued operation of the dental clinic was not financially possible.

Patients who received services at the MCDH Dental Clinic or who have an appointment scheduled will be contacted in the next few weeks. The Greater Elgin Family Care Center (815-363-9900) is available as a resource for people needing low-cost dental services. The Harvard Area Community Health Center has received funding and plans to add dental services in the future. Additional dental resources are listed on The Department website www.mcdh.info.

The McHenry Cooperative Dental Clinic, based on an idea by Dr. Joseph Hagenbruch and supported by the McHenry County Dental Society, was established in 1997 to offer services to low income individuals. According to Mike Hill, Administrator of the McHenry County Department of Health, “closing the clinic was a difficult decision that was financially necessary.” In 2015 approximately 3647 McHenry County residents received preventive service care at the clinic.