

Expansion of services at health center

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Mark Twain Health Care District marked the expansion of its new wing dedicated to behavioral health care services at the Valley Springs Health and Wellness Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week.

The addition on the north side of the center at the corner of State Route 26 and Vista Del Lago Drive provides 10 additional behavioral health rooms on 1,600 square feet of new construction.

The \$3.3 million expansion was funded by a state grant and completed on time and on budget, Dr. Randy Smart, the health care district's chief executive officer, informed those assembled April 18 for the ceremony. Haggerty Construction Inc. out of Stockton was the contractor on the expansion project.

The center, which opened its doors in October of 2019, is a Rural Health Clinic that functions as a primary care clinic for the under served. The center has added seven new employees with expansion of behavioral health services.

The behavioral health team provides counseling, therapy, diagnoses, treatment, psychiatry and overall patient assessments.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and appointments can be made by calling 1-209-772-7070.

In addition to behavioral health care, services at the health and wellness center include family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and general medicine. The facility also provides x-ray services and a dental department for patients with Medi-Cal coverage.