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New Look, Same Tradition of Care for Eureka Community Health Services Avera

A new facility has been built to house the hospital, clinic, and assisted living facility in Eureka, South Dakota in order to continue to provide different levels of healthcare services for this rural community of 848 residents and surrounding rural area.

The new one-level facility provides for increased efficiencies and new services to the area. For example, same day surgery for cataracts is available.

USDA provided a Community Facility loan of \$6,425,000 for the modern medical treatment service facility. FEM Electric Association, Inc. provided revolving loan funds of \$300,000 received through a USDA Rural Economic Development grant and Rural Electric Economic Development, Inc. (REED) provided revolving loan funds of \$300,000 to purchase medical equipment for the new hospital/clinic and assisted living facility. The community capital campaign for this project had a goal of raising \$1 million. They exceed this goal and raised over \$2.2 million.

Today, healthcare services are now provided in one location. The previous facility was two-levels with an inefficient layout, very old, and had limited space for the current medical and aging resident needs of the service area. The hospital has been around since 1928. The new facility replaces the 1929 structure, is connected to the current nursing home built in 1989, includes a 4-bed critical access hospital, 10-unit assisted living facility and a new clinic.

This project will create efficiencies in the medical records systems. It provides for a much improved and integrated healthcare delivery system. With both local physicians on one site, it yields greater accessibility and higher quality of care for the patients. The facility has also been designed for future growth and expansion.

“We are thrilled to have a new state-of-the-art facility which will continue to provide quality health care for Eureka and surrounding communities for years to come,” said Carmen Weber, Administrator for Avera Eureka Health Care Center and Eureka Community Health Services Avera.



Pictured above is the outside of the newly constructed Eureka Community Health Services Avera. Photo provided courtesy of Eureka Community Health Services Avera.

Obligation Amount:	\$6,425,000 Community Facility Direct Loan; \$300,000 Rural Economic Development Loan
Date of Obligation:	01/2015
Congressional District:	At Large, Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Congressman Johnson
Partners:	Eureka Community Health Services Avera, FEM Electric Association, Inc., REED, and USDA Rural Development
Demographics:	Eureka is a small rural town in northeast South Dakota in McPherson County. The citizens of Eureka have a strong sense of community pride and civic involvement. Eureka and its surrounding area hold the distinction of having the highest population of people in South Dakota over the age of 65. The previous facility was built in 1928 and had an inefficient layout, in poor condition, and in a residential area. The facility needed to be replaced to provide the essential healthcare in the service area.
Impact:	This project is an example of how public-private partnerships can work to improve infrastructure in rural communities and increase efficiency and services to the residents.
