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**Yakima Valley  
Farm Workers Clinic**

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## **Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic Welcomes Bryan Hatcher as New Vice President of Behavioral Health**

Bryan Hatcher comes to Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic with more than two decades of experience in behavioral health, most recently serving as president of CareNet Counseling at Wake Forest Baptist Health in North Carolina. As Vice President of Behavioral Health, Hatcher will be working to expand access to behavioral health services across the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic network.

“The directive is to build out behavioral health across the whole system,” said Hatcher, who noted we currently have good access to services in Yakima but need to work to improve access throughout the communities we serve. “The goal is to grow behavioral health to meet the needs of those communities.”

The expansion plans for Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic are still in development. Currently, Behavioral Health Services provides in person care at five locations in Yakima County and has tele-behavioral services for psychiatry and counseling available at other locations. Expanding Behavioral Health Services will not occur over night. Instead, Hatcher’s plan will focus on growing the services Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic already has, taking time to correct any challenges discovered along the way, and ensuring the program provides impact and is sustainable over time.

“I would like for anybody who needs our behavioral health services to access it within a very reasonable amount of time,” said Hatcher. “We are going to improve health through the lens of behavioral health.”

In Hatcher’s previous role, with CareNet Counseling, he oversaw a statewide outpatient behavioral health program with 37 clinical locations and around 100 clinicians. He is a Leading Causes of Life fellow, a member of Stake Holder Health, the National Association of Social Workers, and the American Public Health Association.

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**Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic** is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest community health centers, providing medical, dental, behavioral health, and social services to over 197,000 people a year. With 57 unique service locations across Oregon (Clatsop, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Yamhill counties) and Washington (Benton, Franklin, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties), we deliver affordable, comprehensive primary care for underserved populations in our communities. We also extend our network of care through our mobile health units and virtual visit technology, bringing essential care to our more remote patients. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic employs over 1,800 staff in addition to our medical and dental residents, administrative fellows, students, and volunteers. All of whom are dedicated to bringing quality care to those in our communities who need it most. Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by HRSA, The Joint Commission, and The National Committee for Quality Assurance for our accomplishments in community health care. For more information, please visit [yvfwc.com/press](http://yvfwc.com/press).