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**Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center receives substantial grant for
Integrated Health Care from Sentara Healthcare**

Williamsburg, Virginia, July 15, 2022 --- Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center is excited to announce they are the recipient of a substantial grant from Sentara Healthcare. This grant will support the Comprehensive Integrated Care Model for physical and behavioral health services and expand dental services and telehealth availability for both medical and dental appointments at Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center.

One of the focuses of the Sentara Healthcare grant opportunity is ensuring greater access to behavioral health services for adults, children and families. Olde Towne meets that need as one of the few providers in the area caring for uninsured and under insured adults *and* children, a vulnerable population in greater Williamsburg. Behavioral health care is a large part of the services Olde Towne provides for its patients. Research shows that many patients who suffer from mental illness also suffer from chronic illness and may often develop co-occurring substance use disorders that exacerbate health outcomes over time. Olde Towne's ability to incorporate both primary care and behavioral health helps narrow the gap of health disparities for certain populations in the Williamsburg community. The grant will support the expansion of the existing coordinated care of primary physical health and behavioral health of patients at Olde Towne.

In addition to primary care and behavioral health care integration, the grant will also allow for expanded dental services for the patient population at Olde Towne. Most of this population had limited access to dental care up until the recent Medicaid expansion. The grant funds will also be used to increase telehealth visits available for both medical and dental patients. Utilizing technology to provide telehealth visits can eliminate potential access barriers related to social determinants of health affecting our patient population.

"Being the recipient of this grant greatly enhances Olde Towne continuing to be a viable health center for the vulnerable patients in our community," says Olde Towne's Executive Director, Aaron Thompson.

“It is another prudent way that Olde Towne continues its mission of assuring access to quality health and wellness care to the residents and workforce of the greater Williamsburg community.”

Olde Towne is grateful to Sentara Healthcare and is excited to be a recipient on behalf of its patients.

Olde Towne Medical & Dental Center, located on 5249 Olde Towne Road, Suite D, Williamsburg, is a nonprofit, community-based rural health clinic providing health and dental services to the uninsured and underinsured residents living and working in the City of Williamsburg, James City and York Counties. Visit our website at www.oldetownemedicalcenter.org

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