

Community Health

Breaking ground on our new building!

On June 19, current and past CHSLV board members took shovel to hand at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new medical facility on Washington Highway in Morrisville. The building will be the home of Appleseed Pediatrics, the Neurology Clinic, Morrisville Family Health Care, the MAT Team, and the Community Health Team.

Architect Joseph Greene of Joseph Architects of Waterbury designed the building. Construction will be managed

by HP Cummings Construction Company. Other plans for the medical facility include 108 parking spaces, accommodations for 49 employees, a basement with a break room, conference room, work-out facility, and showers. The sidewalk will extend from Copley Hospital to the new building.

(Left to right) Max Paine, Susan Bartlett, Max Neal, Jason McArthur, Board Chair; Kevin Kelley, President/CEO; Linda Greaves, Valerie Valcour, and Rich Jacobs.



Aaron French, MSN, RN, BC



Aaron French, MSN, RN, BC, former Deputy Commissioner, Health Services & Managed Care Division, Department of Vermont Health Access, has joined Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley. As deputy commissioner French oversaw all clinical aspects of Medicaid—Pharmacy Benefit, Vermont Chronic Care Initiative, clinical operations, behavioral health, quality improvement, and managed care compliance. His position at CHSLV is director of quality improvement and compliance.

“Any health care organization must report quality of care to governing and financing bodies. CHSLV’s practices are always working to improve their quality metrics and system processes,” says French, who works closely with Dr. Coddair of Morrisville Family Health Care, as well as with all staff at CHSLV. French says, “CHSLV practices are performing incredibly well, and I am excited to be a part of such a high-quality organization.”

French’s background has been in the acute care setting, with focuses on medical-surgical nursing, oncology, critical care, and administrative roles. He has also served in federally qualified health care centers in Vermont, and as a nursing educator at Vermont Technical College. He received his nursing degree at Brockton Hospital School of Nursing in Brockton, MA, and his masters in science and nursing

at Norwich University. He has held leadership positions here in Vermont, as well as in Massachusetts.

“I grew up in Lamoille County. My family still lives there, and I went to Lamoille Union High School,” French says. “The work at CHSLV is especially meaningful, personally and professionally, because it serves the people and area where I grew up, and as a patient of Stowe Family Practice, I know about the high-quality care that is delivered there and throughout CHSLV. I miss direct patient care at times, as it is what I trained for and practiced for many years. However, my decision to move into administrative roles was brought on as a way to be at the decision table so that the work that physicians, nurses, and other allied professionals performed is represented.”

French is taking over the position held by Corey Perpall, RN. Perpall can now focus full time on the Community Health Team, of which she is the manager. French says that when he joined CHSLV, Perpall had already put together an organized and detailed program. “Thanks to Perpall’s hard work, CHSLV has strong systems for reporting clinical metrics for all their practices,” French says. “There are always opportunities to improve

on quality and processes. CHSLV is fortunate to have the dedicated and skilled staff they have. It is all of their work that makes this such a great health care system for Lamoille Valley.”

When he’s not living and breathing health care, French, who lives in Washington County, likes to travel, spend time with his dogs, tend to his large gardens, and work in his sugarbush. “I really love living in the country and I am happy to be back in Vermont,” he says. “Vermont is fortunate. We are in a good space with our health care system. We have high-quality health care, from our primary care physicians and mid-levels, to accessible high-quality acute care, and specialty care when needed. The goal of Vermont’s health care reform is a Triple Aim—improving patients’ care experience, including quality and satisfaction, improving population health, and reducing the per capita cost of health care. Vermont is on this path and moving in a positive direction.”