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**Peak Vista Community Health Centers Announces 2019 Class of
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Fellows**
Class of 2019 – Fellows Bios

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announces the 2019 class of fellows beginning the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Primary Care Fellowship. Peak Vista’s Primary Care Fellowship warmly welcomes five fellows: **Robin Bentley, FNP-C; Norie Ellis-Kirtley, FNP-C; Brandi Lohrenz, DNP, FNP-C; Anne Murphy, FNP-C and Kaitlin Veselicky, FNP-C.**

The program runs under the guidance of Director of APRN Fellowship, Stephanie Danos, FNP-C.

Stephanie shared, “We are excited to welcome our 2019 class to Peak Vista Community Health Center. The Fellows come from diverse nursing backgrounds and have a vast array of experiential knowledge. We will continue to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education in the Fellowship and Peak Vista, as a whole.”

Fellows are based out of Peak Vista’s Health Center at Printers Parkway, where they first train in both the classroom and clinical setting before rotating among other Peak Vista Health Center locations during the latter part of the program. As board-certified nurse practitioners, Fellows care for patients in need of primary care with the number of patients being served steadily increasing in line with the program curriculum.

In 2017, Peak Vista’s APRN Fellowship program achieved accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). “We are proud that Peak Vista’s APRN Fellowship program is recognized by ANCC as one of the highest-quality transition programs for nurse practitioners,” commented Chief Medical and Dental Officer, Dr. Michael Welch, “ANCC accreditation gives Fellows assurance that Peak Vista offers an elevated transition program with a clear course of instruction and reliable evaluation methods. With ANCC Accreditation, our transitioning Nurse Practitioners gain the skills and confidence needed to perform effectively within a new practice setting.”



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Robin Bentley, FNP-C

Ms. Bentley grew up in many different places – Virginia, Hawaii, Texas, Germany, Pennsylvania, and settled in Colorado. She graduated from the University of Texas, Austin. Ms. Bentley believes education and communication are key components to a great working relationship between patients and providers. During her free time, Ms. Bentley enjoys reading, cooking and playing with her dogs or grandkids.



Norie Ellis-Kirtley, FNP-C

Ms. Ellis-Kirtley grew up in Colorado and Seattle. She graduated from the University of Colorado Springs at Colorado Springs (UCCS). Ms. Ellis-Kirtley believes very strongly in preventative care to avoid future health issues, “I strive for good communication, patient education, and encouragement for patients that play an active role in their health care,” comments Ms. Ellis-Kirtley. During her spare time, she enjoys camping, skiing and snowshoeing.



Brandi Lohrenz, DNP, FNP-C

Ms. Lohrenz grew up in Sturgis, South Dakota. She graduated from Augustana College in 2010. Ms. Lohrenz is passionate about women’s health including preventative health education and screening such as cervical cancer. “I am thoroughly excited to be a part of the Peak Vista team and to have the opportunity to care for others in the health care setting. I look forward to knowing new patients and helping them determine the best possible approach for them and their family,” comments Ms. Lohrenz.



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Anne Murphy, FNP-C

Ms. Murphy was born in Germany but grew up in Colorado. She has always enjoyed caring for others in need and providing education on healthy living. Ms. Murphy describes her care philosophy as being an advocate for the patient, “it is my job to ensure the patient understands the treatment options, along with the associated adverse effects and benefits,” comments Ms. Murphy. During her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and hiking.



Kaitlin Veselicky, FNP-C

Ms. Veselicky grew up in Colorado and Texas. She graduated from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) in 2011. Ms. Veselicky is passionate about providing exceptional health care to those who face challenges when receiving health care. When describing her care philosophy, Ms. Veselicky believes care should be personalized, “I try to actively listen and have effective communication to improve patient outcomes,” comments Ms. Veselicky.

During her spare time, Ms. Veselicky enjoys watching sports and cheering on the Denver Broncos or playing with her dogs.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 92,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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