A single voice and melody is lovely.

The addition of a second, in concert with the first, is quite better.

But when even more voices join in, collaborating together in unison, you've found true harmony.

Now, true harmony can be achieved for HEALTH. Meridian Health Services offers a new type of healthcare. Each patient's care is coordinated carefully. Services and specialists working together to address all needs seamlessly and effectively.

In addition, every aspect of a patient's health is treated: physical, mental and social.

Harmony of whole person health is achieved.

This year Meridian adopted a new name because health is truly important to us...

Meridian Health Services.

“Health” is now integrated within our name, just as our care is integrated in harmony for each of our patients.
A Crescendo
The sound of “Healthcare in Harmony” is heard as Meridian Health Services provides a wide variety of services in more communities than ever before. Now, Meridian’s 630 employees serve over 14,000 individuals a year combining physical, mental and social health together as one for whole person health.

More Communities Served
In the past year, Meridian Health Services expanded into several new communities and grew its capabilities in many others through an integrated approach to healthcare. Recently, Meridian Health Services started serving Rushville, Indianapolis, Merrillville, Bluffton and Mishawaka for the first time. Meridian has also entered into new partnerships that are helping communities across Indiana help children, adults and families become healthier and stronger.

Hank Milius
President/CEO
Rushville Merger
Making a Difference
“Whole person” health taking shape

Meridian Health Services joined forces with Family Health Services, a community health center located in Rushville. Serving over 3,600 patients in Rush, Fayette, and Franklin counties they provide primary family medical care, prenatal care and delivery, immunizations and disease management. Meridian brought a new scope of services by adding behavioral health to the clinic. This achieves whole person health by treating the body and mind together for its patients.
Orchestrated Care Achieves “Whole Person” Health

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker

“Joining Meridian has helped expand our services to offer an integrated approach to healthcare which is beneficial to our patients and community.”

Sue Ann Pflum – Connersville Board Member

Examples of Success

The battle with diabetes and depression
An elderly patient in Rushville struggled for years with both diabetes and depression, but has since experienced dramatic improvement after receiving help from Meridian Health Services. After delving into the patient’s social and psychological well-being, Meridian discovered that she was not eating well. Dr. Boersma and the team coordinated a plan to get her back on track which included contacting Meals on Wheels to deliver food to the patient. “Getting her nourishment and focusing on the depression, we’ve seen her diabetes control improve without significantly changing her medication,” states Dr. Nykki Boersma, Meridian’s family practice physician.

Meridian believes that it is critically important to educate all patients about how they can better care for themselves. “Our goal is to help them understand that mental, physical and social health are interlinked and that you have to treat all three in order to get better and to get healthier,” says Martha Smith, an R.N. who serves as practice manager for Meridian Health Services.

ADHD – A call for help
Anthony Judge is a seven-year-old boy who lives with his grandmother, Addie Wilkinson. This family struggled because Anthony has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) but, at this time, was not having success with his medication. “I knew that something was wrong and I had to get him some help,” said Wilkinson. “So, I brought him to Meridian Health Services in Rushville.” Anthony flourished under the combined care of A.J. Spoerner, a licensed clinician, and Lori Klopfenstein, a family nurse practitioner. The collaboration between social health and medical health improved Anthony’s behavioral health. “Meridian got Anthony back on track,” states Wilkinson, “and he’s been so good since!”

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“When an organization truly strives for excellence and growth, silence is impossible. Meridian Health Services’ recent certifications and accreditations ring out a truth that the community can hear.”

David Gobble – Muncie
Board Member
Joint Commission Accreditation

This year Meridian Health Services was reaccredited for another three year period by The Joint Commission, which is a prestigious certification for healthcare providers. It was recertified for both the Behavioral Health program and the Hospital program (Meridian’s Gero-Psychiatric Inpatient Program at IU Health BMH). The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in healthcare. The independent organization evaluates healthcare organizations and requires safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. To earn and maintain The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™, an organization must undergo a rigorous on-site survey by a Joint Commission team at least every three years.

Federally Qualified Health Center Status

This year, two Meridian Health Services’ facilities, MeridianMD, a primary care clinic, and the Suzanne Gresham Center, a children’s treatment center, were awarded Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike status by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

FQHCs are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, oral, and mental health and substance abuse services to persons of all ages, regardless of their health insurance status. They help ensure that communities across the country have access to healthcare.

These two offices now join our Rushville location as it is currently designated as a Rural Health Center. FQHC’s and Rural Health Centers focus on a continuum of care to patients who have limited access to healthcare. With Meridian’s work in these locations, we will be able to offer a greater level of service and integrated care of physical, mental and social health to these communities.

This status helps Meridian to be positioned favorably with major healthcare systems and insurers, and will ultimately help decrease the costs of healthcare. The reimbursement structure of FQHCs allows health centers to include valuable services such as transportation and patient education so that they can best meet the needs of patients.

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National Recognitions are Ringing Endorsements

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Suboxone and Addiction Services

Meridian Health Services is one of the first in East Central Indiana to offer a new treatment for addiction recovery. Suboxone for Addiction is a new medication that effectively treats dependence to opioids, such as heroin and some painkillers. A few months ago, Meridian’s certified and licensed physicians began offering this treatment, paired with support and therapy. Today, approximately 100 Meridian patients are breaking free from addiction through Meridian’s Addictions Services with Suboxone.

Tele-Medicine

Making technology a convenience for patients.

Until recently, Meridian patients living in rural areas needed to drive many miles to meet with their psychiatrist. Now, patients can go to their local Meridian office and participate in Tele-Medicine. This service is a video conference between the patient and the psychiatrist to complete medication reviews and consultations conveniently and effectively. Today, Meridian has 209 patients participating in Tele-Medicine Services, some as far as 175 miles away.

Expansion of Children’s Services

In the past year, over 5,000 children in 25 counties received services from Meridian through a myriad of programs and new partnerships. The growth of the children’s program has been substantial including on-site services to 60 schools in 11 school corporations which allows more than 30,000 students to have access to care. In addition, a unique partnership with a multi-state foster care agency, Benchmark Family Services, allows Meridian to provide all behavioral health services to Benchmark’s foster children in Indiana. At the Suzanne Gresham Center in Muncie, primary care services were added and the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) continued to support children that are victims of abuse. In just a few short years, 700 child victims have been interviewed at Meridian’s CAC and the rate of cases accepted for prosecution has increased to almost 80%.
“The city of Portland is my home and, like so many others, I am invested in my community. I know that my community’s potential depends upon the health and well-being of the children who live here. When our children are healthy and strong, so is our community as a whole. Jay County School Corporation’s new partnership with Meridian Health Services strengthens our students like never before.”

Vicki Tague – Portland
Board Member
“Harmony in healthcare is demonstrated by the spectrum of services that Meridian provides. Every facet of a patient’s health and well-being is treated: physical, mental and social. In addition, the services that compose each patient’s care are well-coordinated, addressing all needs effectively. Meridian successfully provides genuine healthcare in harmony.”

Brian Ring – New Castle, Board Member
Meridian Health Services is a progressive healthcare organization specializing in “whole person” health integrating physical, mental and social well-being. The focus on a broader spectrum of health including primary medical care, behavioral health and human services offers a well-rounded approach for healthier patients. Meridian Health Services has been serving the community for over 35 years and is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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