

**COUNTY COLLABORATION BRINGS MEDICAL SERVICES BACK TO TONOPAH**  
*TeleHealth Technology at Center of Care Model Following Hospital Closure*



**RENO, Nev. (May 3, 2016)** – This morning, the Nye County Board of Commissioners announced a partnership with Renown Health to bring healthcare services back to the residents of Tonopah.

Since Nye Regional Medical Center closed last August, thousands of residents in central Nevada have been without much-needed local healthcare. Working with the Nye County Commission and former Nye Regional employees, this new model of care will provide primary and specialty care access to fit the needs of this community.

On June 1, the former Nye Regional clinic will reopen as Renown Medical Group - Tonopah. Under this collaborative

agreement, Renown has hired three former Nye Regional employees who will work on-site to help residents access primary and specialty care services. Using telehealth technology installed at the medical group, patients can meet with primary care providers as well as providers in more than 30 specialties – including neurology, endocrinology, behavioral health and gastroenterology – through secure videoconferencing. Leveraging this leading-edge technology will ensure the best possible ongoing care for rural Nevadans who can't travel to Reno, Las Vegas or Bishop for every visit to a primary care provider or specialist.

Renown is working to quickly evolve and expand the care provided in Tonopah – focused on finding an on-site advanced practitioner, hiring more support staff, and expanding lab and imaging services. For patients requiring more emergent services, emergency transport to Reno or Las Vegas will still be available through Life Guard International – Flying ICU.

“It was important to us to restart healthcare services, and we are glad Renown stepped in to help find a solution for this community,” said Lorinda Wichman, Nye County commissioner. “There are a number of small towns in our state – and throughout the country – that may face similar struggles as Nye Regional Medical Center. We hope this model of primary and specialty care can serve as an example to help other rural communities find sustainable solutions that fit their individual needs, too.”

“The continued commitment of the county commissioners allowed us to create an innovative and sustainable solution for the residents of Tonopah and the surrounding communities in central Nevada,” said Rich Conley, director at Renown Regional Medical Center. “Our goal is, and has always been, to offer the best care possible to patients – no matter their location. We are proud of this collaboration with the Nye County Commission and look forward to seeing this care model serve a community of this size.”

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**About Renown Health**

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving a 17-county region comprised of northern Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 5,700. It comprises three acute care hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition of being the first in the region to successfully perform leading-edge medical procedures. For more information, visit [renown.org](http://renown.org).