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### Dr. Shelbie Shelder Joins KBIC Health Services



**Baraga, MI, July 2024** — The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is delighted to welcome Dr. Shelbie Shelder to our health services team. Dr. Shelder, a family medicine physician, brings a wealth of experience and a profound commitment to rural and Native American health.

Originally from Muskegon, Michigan, Dr. Shelder is an enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Her educational journey began at Michigan State University (MSU), where she completed her undergraduate studies. After earning her degree, she moved to Duluth, Minnesota, to attend the University of Minnesota Medical School. During her first two years, she focused on rural and Native American health at the school's satellite campus in Duluth.

Following her time in Minnesota, Dr. Shelder relocated to Seattle, Washington, to complete her family medicine residency at the Swedish Cherry Hill program. Her primary clinic during this time was the Seattle Indian Health Board, where she gained invaluable experience serving the Native community. Dr. Shelder successfully completed her residency in June 2024.

Outside of her medical career, Dr. Shelder has a passion for outdoor activities and enjoys cross-country skiing, trail running, backpacking, camping, yoga, and tapping maple trees. She also has a fondness for ice cream. Dr. Shelder is thrilled to be returning to her home state of Michigan and is eager to serve on Anishinaabe land. Her dedication to the outdoors and Native people has led her to the Upper Peninsula and, ultimately, to KBIC.

Dr. Shelder's expertise, combined with her deep understanding of Native American health issues and her connection to the land and community, make her an invaluable addition to the KBIC health services team. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on our community's health and well-being.

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Dr. Shelder is expected to begin Monday, October 1st.

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**About Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Health Services:**

The KBIC Health Services Department is dedicated to providing comprehensive health care to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of our community members through culturally responsive and high-quality health services.

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