Marilynn Snider – the mystery woman revealed!

Marilynn Snider admits it — “Some people do not know what I do,” smiles our Vice President of Clinical Services. So what’s on Marilynn’s list of responsibilities.

“The word ‘clinical’ is the key,” she says. “Most of what I do has a direct impact on our patients and residents.” This includes clinical oversight for Acute Care, Long Term Care, Physical Therapy, Radiology, ER, Surgery, Lab, Case Management and Quality Improvement. “I serve as a medical resource for our clinics as well, helping with the Rural Health Clinic Status and other patient-based programs such as DEXA-Scan,” says this veteran nurse/administrator.

Marilynn, a native of Brewster, has spent over 30 years as an RN. With an eye for innovative patient care programs, Marilynn was part of a ground-breaking home IV therapy company. “I got enough experience that Deaconess wanted me to head their IV therapy program and that just exploded into other areas.”

Before she knew it, Marilynn was a rising star managing the pediatric department, pediatric ICU, Peds Oncology unit and Cystic Fibrosis clinic at Deaconess.

“It was an exciting time and it really stretched me,” admits Marilynn, who found she had a penchant for making calm in the storm. “I learned how to manage people, do finances, budgets, program development, deal with state regulations and build a team atmosphere among the staff.”

If you get the idea that Marilynn is a sparkplug with an idea up each sleeve, you’re getting the picture.

“I’m a major multi-tasker,” she smiles, adding, “Totally major! To do this job you have to not only be good at doing several things at once, but you have to love it.”

A few minutes with Marilynn and you know she thrives on being busy. Former VP of Clinical Services Ginny Monroe knew it two years ago when she handed in her resignation to take a job in Spokane.

“Ginny called me and said this job was a perfect fit for me. As I was born and raised in a rural area and have a heart for small towns, I came out and here I am.”

Marilynn said the clincher in coming to Lincoln Hospital was her peers. “I liked the people I interviewed with. I like working with and for people who are mentors. If they can teach me something, I want to be around them.”

An idea person, Marilynn says she always has many projects on the burner.

“My goal is to promote and expand our existing programs, improve community health and facilitate quality in all the programs and services within the Lincoln Hospital District.”

One who likes to give credit where credit is due, Marilynn enjoys hearing ideas from those closest to the patients.

“I like to work with good people. My door is open to listen to ideas and complaints from anyone on staff,” she says earnestly. “My office is at the end of the left Acute Care hallway.”

She says the energetic, creative staff of Lincoln Hospital is what makes her successful.

“They make me feel like a good leader because of all they accomplish and bring to the programs,” she says. “It’s a great working atmosphere.”