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Tajikistan visitors in La Crosse examining best practices in family medicine

LA CROSSE, WIS. — Family physicians from Tajikistan got a chance today to practice casting with physicians from Mayo Clinic Family Residency in La Crosse.

World Services of La Crosse brought the delegation of 10 doctors to La Crosse during a two-week exchange designed to strengthen family medicine training in Tajikistan. The exchange is part of a larger effort to increase availability and quality of family medicine in the central Asian country.

The delegation spent last week in Baltimore, Md., at the American Academy of Family Physicians' Global Health Workshop, but World Services of La Crosse President and CEO Sandra McCormick said it was an easy decision to base the bulk of the exchange in La Crosse.

"With the array of primary, vocational and professional training here along with our world-class medical facilities, La Crosse has a depth and breadth on health care issues that's hard to beat," said McCormick. "Our delegates leave La Crosse truly equipped to explore both the practical and philosophical sides of their endeavors."

In addition to Mayo Clinic Health System and other local health care organizations, the delegation is meeting with Viterbo University and Western Technical College Health Sciences to gain greater insight into training for nurses and other ancillary health professions. Additionally, the School District of La Crosse will share its innovative Health Sciences Academy model focusing on high school students exploring health careers.

The Tajikistan delegation represents the 32nd delegation World Services has hosted in the United States this year. While improving quality of life for people around the globe is always a primary objective of each exchange, projects are also designed to foster personal international relationships and collaboration as a means to greater peace in the world.

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