

No Service Changes As BESTD Clinic's Lynch Relocates

Milwaukee - BESTD Clinic President Kevin Lynch's planned relocation to Seattle, Washington at the end of March will not have any significant impact on the clinic or its services, Lynch has told *Quest*. News of Lynch's departure had prompted a number of recent rumors about the future of the clinic. "I will still be doing most of the day-to-day jobs I had been doing when I move to Washington to be with my partner of four years," Lynch said. "I'll just be doing them at a distance."

Lynch noted that he will continue on as the clinic's board President until his term ends in December. A transitional process is in place to turn over Lynch's duties during the next eight months to 10-year veteran clinic volunteer and board Vice-President John George. "Everything else will stay the same," Lynch told *Quest*. "Clinic hours and services will continue as they have as will BESTD's outreach testing events."

Lynch admitted that he had not planned to leave as quickly as he did, but had a "great opportunity" to do so. "The perfect tenant to take over my property fell into my lap," he said. "I've been wanting to be full-time with (his partner) for a long time."

Created in 1974, The Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic, located at 1240 East Brady St. here, has been a not-for-profit organization serving all people in Milwaukee and surrounding counties. The mission of BESTD Clinic is to provide quality, professional sexually transmitted disease diagnosis and treatment as well as HIV/AIDS prevention counseling and testing in a manner that is sensitive to the sexual orientation and gender identity of their clients. BESTD Clinic provides its services at no cost.

For more information about the BESTD Clinic, testing hours and other services, call 414-272-2144 or visit the clinic website at: www.bestd.org.

