

Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition adds two new Board of Directors

VVCC is pleased to announce the addition of two new Board of Directors whose professional knowledge and experience has already contributed to guiding the organization in their response to the COVID -19 pandemic.

Bruce Peek, M.D., Cardiologist joined the board in April. Prior to that he helped VVCC develop its COVID-19 protocols for employees, volunteers, and neighbors.

During Peek's tenure as Director of ICU and Cardiology at Verde Valley Medical Center, he came to appreciate the critical role served by VVCC in assisting with discharges, allowing patients to go home and yet have transportation and support while recovering. He observed that VVCC "helped prevent readmissions and I feel improved patients' quality of life after serious medical illnesses."

Dr. Peek has retired from clinical practice. He currently does medicolegal consulting for the National Parks System as a Preventative Search and Rescue Ranger. He is also on the Board of Directors for Sedona Arts Center. His interests include ceramics, woodturning, fiber arts.

Joseph Montedonico, J.D. has lived in Sedona for 18 years and is a full-time personal injury trial lawyer. He is a Navajo Lawyer, providing work on the Navajo Nation, most of which is pro bono. He is also the pro bono attorney for the Verde Valley Wine Consortium, Verde Valley Archaeology Center and the Sedona Art Museum.

Joe was inspired to become involved with VVCC because, "The organization has a wonderful reputation for providing transportation to the elderly and those in need in northern Arizona." He sees it as an opportunity for him to give back.

Prior to coming to Sedona Joe was Partner and President of Montedonico, Belcuore & Razzara, P.C., a 65-lawyer firm in Baltimore, MD; Washington DC; and Fairfax, VA. His main interests are foreign travel and photography.