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St. Vincent, Conway Regional Health System in Partnership Discussions

The Conway Regional Health System Board of Directors announced exclusive strategic affiliation discussions with St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock, AR. While it is expected to take several months to reach agreement on the details, it is anticipated that the organizations will form a partnership to strengthen their market presence, enhance quality, and create the platform for improved efficiencies. This will not involve a sale or acquisition. Both St. Vincent and Conway Regional will retain their autonomy, individual identities and separate corporate governance structures.

Conway Regional Health System announced its intention to explore strategic affiliation proposals from various health care organizations in October 2013. The vision and structure of St. Vincent's proposal was considered to be the most aligned with the needs and vision of Conway Regional.

Conway Regional Health System delivers health care services in north central Arkansas, centered on a 154-bed acute care facility, Conway Regional Medical Center.

CHI St. Luke's Health Plans New Medical Campus

CHI St. Luke's Health purchased 23 acres of land for a new medical campus in Springwoods Village, a sustainable master planned community in Spring, TX, 20 miles north of downtown Houston.

The new campus will include a 55,000-square-foot ambulatory medical center that will provide emergency services, diagnostic imaging and outpatient surgery; and, a 100,000-square-foot medical office building with space for more than 30 physicians. These facilities are expected to be complete in late 2015.

CHI St. Luke's is also committed to investing as much as $70 million during the next five years for future developments, including a master plan for future hospital and campus expansion. The new facility will be conveniently located for an estimated 300,000 individuals living in and moving to the area.

What Does "Division" Mean at CHI?

Within CHI, "market-based organization" (or MBO) is the term for a CHI-affiliated provider of health and health care in a specific market. The term for a group of CHI market-based organizations that report to the same senior vice president of operations is "division." At times, the terms "division" and "region" have been used interchangeably: however, "division" is CHI's standard term for a group of market-based organizations.

CHI currently has seven divisions:
CHI's organizations in Colorado and Ohio are joint operating agreements and are not part of the divisional structure.

To find more definitions for CHI terms and commonly used acronyms, visit the Glossary of Health Care Terms and Acronyms on Inside CHI.

More than Half of CHI Employees Designated a Primary Care Provider

CHI thanks the many employees who have designated their primary care providers. In markets that have a CHI clinically integrated network (CIN), these designations help the CINs receive more funds to grow their care management capabilities. Growing the CINs helps CHI sustain, and potentially increase, market share and provide innovative solutions for the health of communities. Most importantly, a primary care provider designation is an essential step employees can take toward building a relationship with a provider.

Employees who participate in the CHI Medical Plan, have access to My Healthy Spirit and have not yet designate a designated a primary care provider may do so at any time: on the Healthy Spirit website, select "Select a Provider" from the top menu and follow the prompts. Employees can also follow these instructions to change their primary care provider designation.

Project Management Certification Preparation Course

CHI's Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO) is offering a free course to help CHI employees prepare to take the Project Management Institute (PMI) Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM™) or Project Management Professional (PMP®) exam. The course starts June 13 and runs for 12 Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. MT via Live meeting. The course will provide information describing the CAPM & PMP application process and tips for passing either of the exams.

Registration is required. To register for this or other EPMO project management courses, contact Steven Bennett.

Create a Shortcut Icon to GPS@CHI
GPS@CHI is CHI’s online talent management system, used by employees and managers to collect and store information about employee work experience, performance history and career potential. To create a desktop shortcut to the GPS@CHI landing page on Inside CHI:

1. Visit the Organizational Talent Management page on Inside CHI.
2. Click the GPS@CHI link in the top right corner.
   The GPS@CHI login page appears.
3. Click the right mouse button.
   A pop-up menu that includes the option “Create Shortcut” appears.
4. Select “Create Shortcut.”
   A dialog box with a question about placing the shortcut on the desktop appears.
5. Select “Yes.”
   A shortcut icon to GPS@CHI, labeled “SuccessFactors Log in,” appears on the desktop.
6. To rename the icon:
   Point at the icon and click the right mouse button
   Select “Rename”
   Type “GPS@CHI”
   Press Enter

Degree Advancement Program News
The May issue of Degree Advancement Update, a bimonthly summary of news about the advanced educational programs for CHI employees, is available on Inside CHI with the latest information on tuition discounts, scholarships and grants. Additional information about CHI’s Degree Advancement program is available on the Degree Advancement page on Inside CHI.

Coming Soon: National Safety Month
During National Safety Month each June, the National Safety Council and CHI focus on key safety issues. This year, in partnership with the Healthy Spirit Wellness Program and SafetyFirst, CHI will provide resources to engage all employees in improved safety awareness and the prevention of safety hazards, accidents and injuries before they occur. At CHI, safety and health is everyone’s responsibility: SafetyFirst principles are applicable to employees as well as patients.

All CHI organizations are asked to focus on one of the following topics during each week in June:

Week 1: Prevent prescription drug abuse
Week 2: Stop slips, trips and falls
Week 3: Be aware of your surroundings
Week 4: Put an end to distracted driving
Week 5: Bonus Week-Summer Safety

In addition, Healthy Spirit Wellness Program incentive points can be self-reported for selected activities.

Safety communication and activity materials are available on Inside CHI. Please continue to make safety a top priority every day. For more information, contact your local Healthy Spirit champion or workers’ compensation, risk or employee safety leader.
People on the Move

Rob Murphy to administrator, Jewish Hospital Shelbyville, Shelbyville, KY, part of KentuckyOne Health. He will also continue as administrator of KentuckyOne's Medical Center Jewish South, Louisville, KY.