ECHN℠
Eastern Connecticut Health Network
Healthier together.

71 Haynes Street
Manchester, CT 06040

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
HARTFORD, CT
PERMIT NO. 2686

ECHN℠
Eastern Connecticut Health Network

Your Community Health Network

...our next century of caring

The Affordable Care Act, also known as ObamaCare, has already begun to dramatically affect how healthcare systems deliver patient care. Although many questions remain unanswered, what is known for certain is that community healthcare systems will need to transform how they provide services in order to preserve quality patient care close to home.

Nearly 100 years ago, Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospitals were created to provide immediate access to patients who live east of the river. Now, significant new challenges are bringing the healthcare industry to an unprecedented era of change meant to improve and expand access to quality patient care.

No matter what changes take place in the healthcare environment, ECHN remains committed to being the most innovative, compassionate, and convenient provider of quality healthcare services east of the river. Our commitment to caring has been the same for nearly a century, and that is one thing that will never change. In fact, we are now in the process of ensuring that our next century of caring is as strong and secure as the last.

For this reason, ECHN has been seeking to join with a larger health system to ensure that the communities we serve will have even greater local access to the best quality of care, with a focus on trying to keep the costs of care as low as possible. This process has been purposeful and deliberate. Over the past 18 months, ECHN's Community Board of Trustees and the health system's management team have been actively evaluating options to join forces with other respected healthcare organizations.

ECHN is pleased to report that all of the regional and national hospital systems that have submitted proposals, both for-profit and not-for-profit entities, have committed to support our mission "To improve your well-being by providing high-quality, compassionate healthcare" and to strengthen our position as a valued community asset. We will continue our analyses over the next several weeks, and we are confident that if the right proposal to join another hospital system is made it will represent the best alliance that will serve our communities well. ECHN's Board of Trustees is evaluating all proposals, with the priority of ensuring that any future alliance will ensure that we continue to fulfill our mission and strengthen our ability to continue to serve our patients and families east of the river.

We will continue our analyses over the next few weeks and months but between now and the time of our public announcement, you can log onto our website at www.echn.org where we will provide regular updates.