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At St. Elizabeth, we believe that a comprehensive solution to behavioral health issues involve substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, family support, community support and education.

One component and critically important piece of this puzzle was laid when St. Elizabeth Healthcare and SUN Behavioral Health broke ground Friday, February 19 on our 149,000 square-foot behavioral health hospital in Erlanger that will have 197 beds and approximately 400 employees, scheduled to open in the second half of 2017.

On that windy Friday afternoon, we were honored to be joined by SUN President and CEO Steve Page, Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin, Erlanger Mayor Tyson Hermes, Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery, Kentucky Senator Chris McDaniel, other community partners, and more than 125 associates and supporters, where together, we stood united and broke ground on our new behavioral health hospital

that will make a significant impact to our community.



We have partnered with SUN (Solving Unmet Needs) Behavioral Health, an organization that works closely with medical and surgical acute care hospitals, physicians and behavioral healthcare providers. Like St. Elizabeth, SUN is dedicated to working with our community to solve the unmet needs of patients and their families who suffer from mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Our partnership will help piece together the needed resources for families in our region dealing with these issues as it will incorporate and integrate a care continuum.

This hospital has a chance to be a model for others in the country. St. Elizabeth already has a significant presence in behavioral health in Northern Kentucky, but inviting SUN to Northern Kentucky will give us all additional resources. SUN

will invest in our community with the same patient-first philosophy that St. Elizabeth employs, including St. Elizabeth's mission as the Northern Kentucky safety net provider. The excitement around the potential for SUN Behavioral Health has already begun to have an impact on recruiting practitioners, which will only grow as the opening date approaches.

While the hospital is large, it will have an intimate feel from the patient's perspective. Patients will have the opportunity to receive treatment on one of 12 specialized units. In addition, the 24/7 assessment and admissions center will allow patients who are medically stable to go directly to the new hospital and avoid a stop at the emergency department. The hospital has been designed to allow patients to make full use of the premises, including a gym, internal courtyards and dining.

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This facility will work with other existing providers in other areas of the care continuum, such as the Children’s Home of NKY and Transitions while complementing the other services and initiatives that are available in Northern Kentucky, including St. Elizabeth’s partnership with Hazelden/Betty Ford, the integration of behavioral health counseling services into St. Elizabeth Physicians primary care practices, and the behavioral health/chemical dependency screenings and treatment programs implemented in our St. Elizabeth

Physician practices and maternal fetal offices.

Overall, we believe this comprehensive approach will enrich the care available to the residents of Northern Kentucky. Together, we will strengthen the environment of care for patients, providers and families. I look forward to sharing more with you as we continue to work together to create the country’s next world class behavioral health hospital.

“In any community we join, we make a substantial investment of resources, both clinically and financially. But, here, we have

a committed partner that is as flexible and innovative as we will be to create a best in class hospital.”

Steve Page, President and CEO of SUN Behavioral Health

Contributor: Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare

Upcoming Events



April 24,
Reds Event

May 5,
General Membership Meeting

June 21,
NKMS Executive Board Meeting

July 19,
NKMS Executive Board Meeting



Update

Reds Event-

The Northern Kentucky Medical Society is co-sponsoring an event to attend a Reds game. This event will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Great American Ballpark.

The game starts at 1:10 PM-Cincinnati Reds vs. Chicago Cubs.

For more information, please contact Betsy Bushman at (859) 301-9752 or by email physician.services@stelizabeth.com

General Membership Meeting-

will be held at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott, (2395 Progress Drive, Hebron KY) on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Keynote speaker: Robert K. McBride, Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney

Topic of Discussion: “USAO’s Heroin Initiative in Northern Kentucky”

Please RSVP to the Northern Kentucky Medical Society, Karla Kennedy, at (859) 496-6567 or via email to nkms@nkms.org.

Graduating Residents-

The Northern Kentucky Medical Society would like to wish success to the graduating residents from the St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center. The following is a list of the 2016 graduates.

Daniel Buck, MD

Kimberly Case, MD

Heidi Franz, MD

Brad Kelly, DO

Faisal Khatri, MD

Alisha Rust, DO

Seth Vensil, MD



NKMS Alliance Report

NKMSA members united with KMA Alliance members to go to Frankfort on March 23, 2016 for the annual House Calls Day at the Capitol. This year, Supreme Court Judge, Michelle Keller, gave a private tour of the Supreme Court during that event. It was an amazing day.



On March 14, NKMSA members attend with KMA Alliance members to witness Gov. Bevin signing the Ky Doctors' Day Proclamation in Frankfort.



NKMSA is proud to announce that Past President, Kim Moser, is nominated to be President-Elect of the AMA Alliance in June in Chicago.



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President's Report

I want to ask you a favor. No I don't want your money. I do want you to share some of your time and talent. I look at the medical community of northern Kentucky and see a great pool of talent. It is a resource that is under-utilized. Yes, we care directly for the sick and that is one way the health of our community is preserved. But there are many other ways to ensure our community's well-being.

One way being developed by NKMS is putting you, the doctor, in front of the public. We won't be doing this with television ads or newspaper promotions. That is too superficial. Engage the public with a real sharing of your expertise. How can this be done? Welcome to the beginning of the NKMS Speakers Bureau! Become an informational speaker for the NKMS.

Let's face it, much of our work is undermined by sound bites and "incomplete" advertising. Medical information from the popular media is sometimes detrimental to our professional standing and to the health of our patients. These are the very patients we are sworn to protect. How can we stop this? Get out there! We all talk about, "leading from the front." Here's our chance. Whether it is financial planning, public policy or healthcare the public is hungry for accurate information. Others are quite open about telling us they are the experts when it comes to money or politics. When it comes to healthcare WE are the experts. Let's get our message out there.

This does not take a lot of time or preparation. Share the knowledge you already have in a variety of forums. This can be leading a small group session, volunteering in the classroom or giving a traditional lecture with Q&A. Last year I was the "guest dissector" in my kids eighth grade anatomy class. This year I gave a talk to a church group on dementia.

We have got to show the public, our public, our patients, who we really are. We have something to share. Let's get out there. If you are interested in being a member of the NKMS Speakers Bureau please contact Dr. Mark Boyd.

Mark Schroer, MD, President, NKMS