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Cuero Community Hospital and Methodist Healthcare-San Antonio Form Collaboration Agreement

San Antonio, Texas – November 24, 2015 – The DeWitt Medical District dba Cuero Community Hospital and Methodist Healthcare in San Antonio have entered into a collaboration agreement to increase management and operations resources.

“More rural hospitals across Texas are seeking assistance from larger healthcare providers as a way to enhance current operations and services provided to the communities they serve”, said Richard Wheeler, Chairman of the DeWitt Medical District Board of Directors, “As our hospital continues to increase services to the community and enhance its financial stability, it makes logical sense to ask for assistance, when necessary, from the largest provider of healthcare services in South Texas”, he further indicated.

Methodist Healthcare has a long history of assisting rural hospitals in increasing services, assisting with resources not typically available to smaller hospitals, and helping to enhance local community services. Today, Methodist has management agreements with Val Verde Regional Hospital in Del Rio, Medina Regional Hospital in Hondo, and Frio Regional Hospital in Pearsall. These agreements have proven to be successful with marked improvements in financial viability, increased services and quality of care.

“These relationships are a natural outgrowth of Methodist Healthcare’s mission to enhance the delivery of healthcare in rural Texas through independent community hospitals”, indicated Geoffrey Crabtree, Senior Vice President of Methodist Healthcare. “Moreover, we are delighted to be able to assist the citizens of the Greater DeWitt Area by making available various strategic and operational resources to enhance the already successful healthcare services delivered by Cuero Community Hospital”, he further stated.

The Methodist Healthcare team will work closely with the leadership team and board members of Cuero Community Hospital over the next few weeks to begin this transition. It is important to note Cuero Community Hospital will remain completely independent of Methodist Healthcare, with the District Board remaining in full control of the governance of the hospital. The collaboration agreement, to be effective January 1, 2016, will give the hospital access to management, purchasing, financial, education, strategic planning and a host of other resources.

“To be able to access a larger degree of resources found with larger hospital organizations gives Cuero Community Hospital the ability to continue to grow, prosper and generate the kind of quality of care deserved by all the citizens of the Greater DeWitt Area”, stated Skip Gjolberg, Chief Executive Officer of Cuero Community Hospital.

Cuero Community Hospital (CCH) is a non-profit hospital, licensed for 49 beds. The hospital serves DeWitt County, as well as its five surrounding counties and offers a variety of health care services such as a Childbirth Center, Sleep Study Center, Open MRI, ER-Level IV Trauma Center, ICU, Out/In Patient, Diagnostic Testing, Physical Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Home Health Care, and Women’s Center offering Digital Mammography and Bone Densitometry. CCH owns and operates the local wellness facility, Bfit Cuero Wellness Center, and seven Family Medicine Clinics located in Cuero, Goliad, Kenedy, Nixon and Yorktown, Texas.

Methodist Healthcare is the largest and most preferred health care provider in South Texas with 26 facilities, including eight acute care hospitals, two stand-alone emergency centers, outpatient surgery centers and other health-related facilities. Hospitals include Methodist Hospital and its campuses: Methodist Heart Hospital; Methodist Children’s Hospital; Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital; Metropolitan Methodist Hospital; Methodist Texsan Hospital and Northeast Methodist Hospital as well as Methodist Stone Oak Hospital and Methodist Ambulatory Surgery Hospital.

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