



JOINT STATEMENT

FROM THE AD-HOC MEDICAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE OF ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, KALEIDA HEALTH AND UBMD PHYSICIANS REGARDING THE CURRENT AND EVOLVING RELATIONSHIPS OF THE ABOVE PARTIES AND THE WESTERN NEW YORK HEALTH SYSTEM (NEWCO) IN VIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (THE BERGER COMMISSION)

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“The physician leadership recognizes the need for change and the urgent need for action in order to ensure the long term health of our community, the viability of our healthcare institutions and the ability to train the next generation of health care providers for the region.

“We have reviewed the letter of intent and understand it was accepted and signed by the boards of ECMCC, KHS, and NEWCO.

“We have reviewed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) prepared by Robert Wild, with accompanying attachment A (Reserved Powers), which we understand to have been accepted by the board of KHS but rejected by the Board of ECMCC.

“We have reviewed the Statement of principles that was subsequently drafted and attached to the MOU.

“We have prepared 2 attachments that we believe strengthen the MOU, and should be included. These are Exhibit B – Physician Involvement, and Exhibit C- Campus Viability and Program Development. The principles expressed in these documents need to be advanced in binding documents as NEWCO moves forward

“The ad hoc medical leadership committee unanimously calls on all parties to immediately accept these documents, to support the enabling legislation (An act to amend the Public Authorities Law in relation to the Erie County Medical Corporation and the structure, powers and duties thereof), and to work cooperatively together under the leadership of NEWCO, in partnership with its physicians, to ensure the future of health care delivery in Western New York.”

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