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Community Hospital Signs Letter of Intent with Centura Health

Ensuring Long-Term, World-Class Care for Western Slope and Eastern Utah Residents

(MESA COUNTY, COLO.) – October 11, 2018 – Community Hospital’s Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that it has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) entering into exclusive discussions to join Centura Health, the region’s health care leader. The Board’s decision to execute the LOI with Centura Health reflects its long-term commitment to preserve and expand options for compassionate, high quality health care in the Grand Valley.

Centura Health connects individuals, families, and neighborhoods across Colorado and western Kansas with more than 6,000 physicians and 21,000 of the best hearts and minds in health care. The LOI is an important, proactive step to ensure Community Hospital remains well-positioned to continue to meet the unique needs of the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah as the health care environment continues to evolve.

“The Board, all of whom are community members who care deeply about ensuring access to high quality care for the people of the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah for generations to come, are excited about this unprecedented opportunity to partner with Centura Health to create an even stronger cornerstone of value, access and quality health care in our community,” said Community Hospital Board Chair, Sam Starritt.

“Community Hospital has a more than 72-year tradition of caring for their growing communities, and we are excited to engage in formal discussions with them about how we can work together to continue their impressive legacy through innovative health care delivery and advanced technology,” said Peter Banko, Centura Health’s President and CEO. “As a health care provider who is as mutually passionate about treating the whole patient, mind, body and spirit, we appreciate the opportunity to discuss becoming an integral part of their flourishing communities.”

“We are honored and flattered that Centura Health has taken notice of our continued growth and success over the past several years and is expressly interested in partnering with Community Hospital and our medical staff,” said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. “This is a unique opportunity that we have in front of us that could positively impact the delivery of health care in our region for decades to come,” added Thomas.

The transaction contemplated by the LOI is subject to the negotiation of a definitive agreement and applicable regulatory approval.

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About Community Hospital

Community Hospital is a full-service, acute care Level III Trauma Center that offers full outpatient diagnostic services and inpatient care for the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah. Community Hospital brings together expert staff and world-class technology in a healing, family-centered environment. We provide a full range of medical services, including inpatient and outpatient surgery, and emergency care. We have comprehensive diagnostic capabilities: state-of-the-art ultrasound, CT, digital mammography and cardiac testing. Community Hospital proudly partners with the Huntsman Cancer Institute to provide full spectrum medical and radiation oncology treatment to patients in the Grand Valley and surrounding communities. Community Hospital is Joint Commission accredited. We pride ourselves on delivering personalized care to our patients, and in working closely with our medical care providers in treating the whole person. This approach has resonated with our patients and we are proudly growing to meet our community's demand.

About Centura Health

Centura Health connects individuals, families and neighborhoods across Colorado and western Kansas with more than 6,000 physicians and 21,000 of the best hearts and minds in health care. Through our 17 hospitals, two senior living communities, neighborhood health centers, physician practices and clinics, home care and hospice services, and Flight For Life® Colorado, our caregivers make the region's best health care accessible. We're on a mission to build flourishing communities and whole person care. We're Centura Health, and we're your dedicated health partner for life. For information on Centura Health or any of the facilities in our network, please visit the [Centura Health website](#).

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