Marshfield Clinic Health System: Completes affiliation with Neillsville hospital

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NEILLSVILLE – Marshfield Clinic Health System has completed the affiliation with Memorial Hospital, Inc. and will continue to serve the health care needs of the community as Marshfield Medical Center-Neillsville.

Welcoming the Neillsville hospital into the Health System builds on more than three decades of collaboration between the two organizations, including Health System physicians providing medical care in the community. The Health System's increased presence in Neillsville will provide more accessible quality health care services to the Neillsville area.

"We look forward to building on the decades of high-quality services Memorial Medical Center has provided to the Neillsville community," said Marshfield Clinic Health System CEO Dr. Susan Turney. "It is my core conviction that because of the experience, skills and expertise we both bring to the table, together we can build an even better future for health care in Neillsville and across rural Wisconsin."

This affiliation supports the construction of a new $40 million medical, surgical, and outpatient clinic in Neillsville. The current medical center was built in 1954. The new center will further enable the Health System to provide more accessible health care services to the community. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2019.

"Our organization is excited to be the newest member the Marshfield Clinic Health System. This affiliation most importantly strengthens patient care by adding new programs and technology. In addition provides long term stability to our employment force and economic development for our community," said Ryan Neville, the former Memorial Medical Center CEO, who will stay on as the chief administrative officer. "We have aggressive goals to expand the local healthcare delivery model and build a medical campus of the future."

A key element of the agreement is the formation of a local advisory board to oversee local operations. Board members will be selected from the Memorial Hospital's board of directors, Memorial medical staff and community members as well representation from Marshfield Clinic Health System.

Three clinics also were part of the acquisition.

- Memorial Medical Center – Neillsville will be renamed Marshfield Medical Center Neillsville Clinic.
- Memorial Medical Center – Greenwood Clinic will retain its name at this time as it will be consolidated with Marshfield Clinic Greenwood Center in the future.
- Memorial Medical Center – Loyal will be renamed Marshfield Medical Center-Neillsville-Loyal Therapy Center

Marshfield Medical Center-Neillsville also will continue its partnership with Sniteman Pharmacy, the Art of Optometry and Neillsville Care and Rehab.

Marshfield Medical Center-Neillsville will honor the legacy of Memorial Medical Center in their new building with a Memorial Wall to pay tribute to the individuals and key events that made Memorial Medical Center a successful community hospital for 70 years.

The two organizations first announced the plans in March when a letter of intent was signed. Specific terms of the acquisition aren't being released.