



East Jefferson General Hospital

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**East Jefferson General Hospital Board of Directors
Unanimously Recommends Acquisition Agreement with LCMC Health
*Issue Now Moves to the Jefferson Parish Council for Consideration***

METAIRIE, La. – Feb. 19, 2020 – The East Jefferson General Hospital Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the acquisition agreement with LCMC Health on Wednesday evening. The resolution now moves to the Jefferson Parish Council for consideration, with a target date to conduct a vote of the East Jefferson hospital district on May 9.

The endorsement came in the form of a resolution calling upon the Jefferson Parish Council to approve the acquisition and authorize EJGH’s officers to execute a final agreement with LCMC Health, which would occur upon passage by the voters.

Prior to the vote of the hospital board, Chairman Donald Bell recounted his tenure as a hospital physician since 1985 along with his service as a member of the board of directors, including serving as its chairman during this critical period. “For our own survival, we must consider the option of this sale to guarantee our future. Fortunately, our discussions with LCMC Health have shaped an operating structure for EJGH that will allow us to sustain our outstanding healthcare record through the enhanced ability of a larger institution to share resources that will take us well into the future,” he said.

President and CEO Gerald L. Parton said the proposed partnership has the widespread support of EJGH physicians. “The EJGH Medical Executive Committee and former Chiefs of Staff of the Medical Staff have endorsed the recommendation of the Board to sell the hospital to LCMC Health because they understand the opportunities this merger represents as well as the consequences if it does not succeed.”

Key elements of the partnership include preservation of the patient-to-trusted-doctor relationship that East Jefferson General Hospital currently enjoys close to home across a wide variety of services.

“Preserving the relationship between our patients and their physicians is our highest priority,” Bell said.

Both EJGH and LCMC Health are preparing for the public education program that will precede the May 9 election. It will consist of a series of public presentations as well as outreach to community business,

civic and neighborhood associations. It will also feature a limited paid media component with television and radio commercials.

“We intend to reach each voter household with educational materials that explain how this acquisition will work and describe outcomes of passage or failure of the measure,” said Parton.

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About East Jefferson General Hospital

East Jefferson General Hospital is a publicly owned, not-for-profit community hospital with over 500 independent physicians on staff. This service district hospital, formed in 1965 and opened in 1971, receives no tax support from Jefferson Parish. The 420-bed hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is Louisiana’s first Nurse Magnet hospital. For more information on East Jefferson General Hospital, visit online at www.ejgh.org.

About LCMC Health

Established in 2009, LCMC Health is a Louisiana-based, not-for-profit hospital system serving the healthcare needs of the Gulf Coast region. LCMC Health currently manages Children’s Hospital, Touro, New Orleans East Hospital, University Medical Center New Orleans and West Jefferson Medical Center.