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Fort Hamilton Hospital and Kettering Health Network Announce Affiliation Intent

Hamilton, OHIO – Kettering Health Network and Fort Hamilton Hospital announced today that Fort Hamilton intends to become the seventh member hospital of KHN. This morning the Fort Hamilton Board unanimously voted to pursue an affiliation agreement.

A full-service acute care hospital, Fort Hamilton has been serving Hamilton and Butler County for more than 80 years. The 175-bed hospital features interventional cardiology, a state-of-the-art intensive care unit, a full service oncology program, obstetrical and behavioral health services, and comprehensive wound healing among other services.

“We had several suitors, but we were impressed with KHN’s track record of sustaining high quality care and financial performance,” said Fort Hamilton Board Chair Robert Weigel. “They have also shown the ability to successfully integrate different hospital cultures into theirs. In the past 10 years they have added Grandview and Southview medical centers and Greene Memorial Hospital. As a community hospital serving Hamilton and Butler County, we thought it was just a good fit.”

Fort Hamilton Hospital, located at 630 Eaton Avenue in Hamilton, is currently in the process of withdrawing as a partner in the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati. The hospital was established in May of 1929 and now has 1140 employees and 150 actively practicing physicians.

According to Lynn Oswald, Senior Vice President of Fort Hamilton Hospital, and Frank Perez, Chief Executive Officer of Kettering Health Network, the decision to pursue an agreement was reached after careful consideration by Boards and management of both systems. They will seek a pact that will offer significant benefits to residents of Butler and surrounding counties.

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Both systems complement each other in terms of a commitment to investing in the community, facilities and to increasing local health care services.

“The decision to enter into an affiliation agreement with Kettering Health Network strengthens Fort Hamilton’s ability to maintain the latest in medical and surgical health care for the Hamilton and Butler County,” Oswald said. “KHN has been committed to fulfilling mission by delivering nationally-recognized clinical quality and outstanding patient care that will keep us viable in this highly competitive market.”

“We all have witnessed that the Dayton and Cincinnati areas are growing together into one huge metropolitan area, and we are so pleased to welcome Fort Hamilton Hospital,” Perez said. “This addition will really enhance our ability to serve the people throughout this bustling Dayton-Cincinnati corridor.”

The affiliation agreement will provide the opportunity for all hospitals and physicians that are part of both Kettering Health Network and Fort Hamilton Hospital to share best practices, and draw on the combined resources and specialized health care services of the two systems. This agreement will also allow Fort Hamilton to take advantage of Kettering Health Network’s significant buying power which helps all hospitals, practices, and member organizations control health care costs.

Under the proposed agreement, Kettering Health Network will feature Fort Hamilton Hospital; Kettering, Grandview, Sycamore and Southview medical centers; Greene Memorial Hospital; Kettering Behavioral Medical Center; and more than 60 outpatient centers. KHN previously served an 11-county area, and with the addition of Fort Hamilton, will serve as many as 15 counties.

For more information on Kettering Health Network or its member organizations, visit www.khnetwork.org. More information about Fort Hamilton Hospital is available at www.forthamiltonhospital.com.