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United Hospital District Partners with Dulcimer Medical Center in Purchase Agreement
Land and Buildings Transferred to UHD

Blue Earth, MN – January 4, 2021 – United Hospital District and Clinics (UHD) is pleased to announce a purchase agreement with Dulcimer Medical Center (DMC) of Fairmont, MN, a privately owned, multi-practice medical facility. The purchase transferred ownership of DMC’s land and buildings to UHD effective December 30, 2021. Dulcimer Medical Center’s owner and President Dr. Steven E. Parnell joined UHD CEO Rick Ash in making the announcement.

According to terms of the agreement, UHD acquired the property from Center Creek Holdings LLC, a partnership of Dr. Steven Parnell, Dr. Jon Erickson and their spouses that includes Dr. Parnell’s medical practice and Dr. Erickson’s Fairmont Family Dentistry dental practice. UHD’s new ownership of the site will not interrupt either practice’s day to day operations and patients of both practices can continue to receive services in the same location. While the dental practice will remain independent, UHD hopes to eventually assimilate the medical practice and will work with DMC over the next few years to establish a transition of care.

“This is an exciting development and the agreement is important for several reasons,” said UHD’s Rick Ash. “It enhances our longstanding relationship with Dr. Parnell, it provides a framework to keep healthcare local and it creates new opportunities to expand UHD’s services in Fairmont. My hope is that we will collaborate to ultimately bring more healthcare to Martin County.”

Added DMC’s Dr. Parnell, “As an independent practice, we’ve always explored care options that are in the best interest of our patients. Fairmont is a beautiful community and we don’t want to see medical services leave the area. By partnering with UHD, we strengthen our footprint and improve the ability to offer more. My staff and I look forward to maintaining our relationships with our patients.”

Dr. Parnell has practiced in the community for several decades and has been a member of UHD’s medical staff since 2010. The Dulcimer Medical Center building was constructed in 2008 and opened in 2009.

United Hospital District (uhd.org), based in Blue Earth, MN, is an independent and award-winning system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and a home health/hospice care program, all supported by a 20-plus multi-specialty provider group with four clinic locations across two counties.

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