

# Swedish Medical Center Affiliation

February 15, 2017

## History

- Jefferson Healthcare, Olympic Medical Center and Forks General Hospital began a discussion in the Summer of 2010 to consider the merits of affiliating with a larger system.
- The three CEO's developed a Request for Proposal and sent it to all of the major healthcare systems in the state.
- Jefferson Healthcare appointed a physician leadership group to determine if an affiliation was necessary, review the RFP's and participate in the selection process.
- Swedish Medical Center was selected and we negotiated an affiliation agreement effective, December 6, 2011.

### **Key goals of the affiliation**

- Create a portal to Epic
- Improve access to care for all Jefferson County patients
- Co-develop best practice treatment protocols, where appropriate
- Provide consulting services, management education, CME and training programs
- Provide quality improvement activities and benchmarking
- Develop a “system relationship” in the event our/ small rural hospitals business model became unworkable

### **Other points to consider**

- Jefferson Healthcare providers are under no obligation to refer patients to SMC. They refer to the doctor/system they believe will offer the best care.
- The affiliation agreement with SMC is largely administrative, and has recently provided for OB simulation training and tours/visits to SMC services.
- The agreement began as fairly robust, (\$75,000) and has diminished to something much more modest (\$11,000).
- The agreement is year to year, and can be terminated w/ 6 month notice.
- Jefferson Healthcare contracts with Swedish (via a separate agreement that predates the affiliation contract) for Tele-stroke services.

## Next Steps

The Provider Leadership Council will consider the affiliation and any appropriate next steps at their meeting, scheduled for February 22

## Questions & Comments