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## Members in the News – July 2016



### **MountainView Hospital Celebrates Inaugural Class of Resident Physicians with White Coat Ceremony**

**MountainView Hospital** and University of Nevada School of Medicine residency program welcomed its first class of residents in Internal Medicine and General Surgery.

MountainView's inaugural class includes 52 residents, comprised of 38 internal medicine residents and 14 general surgery residents. They were selected after the GME team conducted hundreds of interviews of medical students from around the country.

"This is an exciting time at MountainView Hospital, as we welcome our first class of residents," said Chris Mowan, MountainView Chief Executive Officer. "This has been a tremendous journey over the past several years, from an idea to the building of an accredited graduate medical education program."

The white coat ceremony is a tradition to welcome new residents to the facility and present them with their first physician's coat. The symbol of the white coat is a promise that its wearer has made each and every patient whom he or she encounters: the promise to heal and to care.

"The white coat ceremony is a symbolic event that really stands for the transformational change MountainView Hospital and the Las Vegas healthcare community are undertaking," said Internal Medicine Residency Program Director Dr. Ali Rahimi. "The growth of medical education in Southern Nevada will serve to benefit our patients and the larger community long-term."

"MountainView has some of the highest qualified surgeons in the state in a wide variety of specialties. It is exciting that we are now helping to train the next generation of surgeons," said General Surgery Residency Program Director Dr. Paul W. Nelson. "We will be offering an exceptional training environment that prepares surgical residents to practice using the highest standards."

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## **Renown to partner with Stanford Health**

Renown Health president and CEO Dr. Anthony Slonim announced a new partnership between Renown and Stanford Medicine during a recent press conference at the hospital.

The partnership with Renown embraces Stanford Health Care, Stanford Children's Health, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, and Stanford University School of Medicine.

"These entities comprise a partnership that will change the complexion of health and health care in northern Nevada," Slonim said.

The partnership will allow Stanford medical professionals to consult directly with northern Nevada patients via telemedicine, more direct coordination with local practitioners to improve treatment and easy access to a patient's medical history.

"It expands our ability to bring more resources," Slonim said. From childhood cancer to transplants to adult heart care, the coordinated care will provide a "seamless transition from one level of care to the next."

Kim Roberts, chief strategy officer and chief administration officer of physician practices for Stanford Children's Health, represented Stanford at the announcement. "We're very excited about this relationship," Roberts said. "We believe in partnering with communities, to come along side is the term I use, and to really add value where we can."

While major procedures such as transplants would still require a trip to Stanford, pre- and post care as well as ongoing treatment would easily be handled through Renown, allowing patients to be close to their support network of family and friends.

Slonim said the partnership is an example of "thinking differently" about health care and the "pioneering spirit of Nevada that I've come to know and love."

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## **Advanced 3D Mammography Technology Now Available to Patients in Douglas County**

**Carson Tahoe Health** unveiled for the first time that patients in Douglas County will have access to the Advance 3D Mammogram (also known as Tomosynthesis) technology which provides patients with the best chance for detecting cancer in the earliest possible stages. Furthermore, 3D Mammography is known to be one of the most advanced forms of diagnostic tests available for the screening of breast cancer, especially for women with dense breast tissue.

Previously, women in the region needed to travel outside of the area for this type of diagnostic screening. In addition to providing the most in-depth, 3D images for the detection of breast cancer, this technology also significantly lowers call-back rates; eliminating unnecessary anxiety and inconvenience for women who would otherwise return for additional imaging.



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“Studies have shown that 3D mammography technology helps in detecting breast cancers that may be hidden from view in traditional mammograms,” said Michelle Joy, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Carson Tahoe Health. “Carson Tahoe is dedicated to educating and empowering women in our community to take charge of their health. This powerful tool will aid in detecting problems sooner and provide the best possible outcomes.”

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## **Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican & CSH Provide Assistance to Local Organizations Creating Housing & Services for Those in Need**

**Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican** is beginning a six-month training that will lead to the creation of supportive housing for some of Nevada’s neediest individuals. Supportive housing (*affordable rental housing + intense case management + tailored services such as healthcare*) is demonstrating the ability to stabilize vulnerable people, providing them with a home of their own, keeping them housed while offering access to services that improve their lives and lead to self-sufficiency.

Jointly sponsored by St. Rose Dominican and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CHS), this new training for local developers, housing agencies, project managers, providers, advocates and management teams in Las Vegas and Southern Nevada is officially known as the *Frequent User Supportive Housing Institute*.

“Supportive housing has been a critical need for those vulnerable populations in southern Nevada for a very long time and we’re here to help,” said Brian Brannman, SVP of Operations for Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican. “We at St. Rose are extremely pleased to be a sponsor of this important program.”

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