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Press Release

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GROUND BREAKING SCHEDULED FOR ELKHORN VALLEY REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

ERNEST HEALTH, INC. PARTNERS WITH WYOMING MEDICAL CENTER TO EXPAND
REHABILITATION SERVICES OFFERED

Date
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ernest Health, Inc. (EHI) and Wyoming Medical Center (WMC) announced today the construction of a 40-bed freestanding acute rehabilitation hospital. Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital (EVRH), is scheduled to open in April 2008, and will be located at 5715 E. 2nd Street, Casper WY 82609, one mile east of Landmark Drive. The new facility is a joint venture of EHI and WMC.

The Elkhorn Valley Rehabilitation Hospital will provide intensive physical rehabilitation services to patients recovering from stroke, head and spinal cord injuries and other functional deficits as a result of injury or illness. EVRH will be the first freestanding rehabilitation hospital in Wyoming.

“We selected Casper because of its vibrancy and overall demographics,” said Darby Brockette, President/CEO of Ernest Health, Inc. “The present medical services provided by Wyoming Medical Center will allow us to add additional support to the wonderful medical treatment currently available. We have enjoyed working with the local medical providers on this project and look forward to partnering with WMC to serve the community.”

“It has indeed been a pleasure working with Ernest Health Inc. on this project,” said Vickie Diamond, interim President/CEO of Wyoming Medical Center. “Pam Fulks’ commitment and dedication were instrumental in bringing this level of comprehensive rehabilitative services to Casper and the State, it is very exciting to see this project come to fruition.”

Construction of the 48,000 square foot facility is scheduled to begin this month with a projected opening in April, 2008. Approximately 120 new healthcare related jobs will be created from this endeavor.

The groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for April 11th at 10 a.m. at the site. Natrona County Commissioner Jon Campbell as well as other local dignitaries will be attending the event.

EHI, an Albuquerque, NM based healthcare provider, owns and operates post-acute care facilities New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Idaho, Arizona and Utah. In addition, the company has facilities under construction in Montana and South Carolina.

Wyoming Medical Center is the largest and most comprehensive regional medical facility and trauma center in Wyoming. In addition to operating the state's only Life Flight air ambulance program, the Centers of Excellence – the Heart Center of Wyoming and the Wyoming Neuroscience and Spine institute – are at the forefront of over 50 state-of-the-art specialty services offered.

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