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EXCELA HEALTH COMPLETES SALE OF FORMER JEANNETTE HOSPITAL PROPERTY

JEANNETTE, PA, September 1, 2016 ... After nearly five years of aggressively marketing the Jefferson Avenue property on which the Jeannette District Memorial Hospital (JDMH) was built, Excela Health has completed the sale to a firm that shares the health system’s commitment to the health and well-being of the community. Craig Anlauf, president and CEO of the Palms Communities, has purchased the property for $820,000. The sale was finalized August 31, 2016.

The Palms Communities are owned and operated by the Anlauf family, who have 45 plus years of combined experience of providing care through personal care residences. Their care communities, the closest being in McKeesport, are designed to meet the changing needs of seniors who want to remain independent, but need a little extra assistance in their daily routines.

“Our hope is to duplicate our business model in Jeannette at some point in the future,” said Anlauf.

Excela Health purchased the 50-year-old hospital which in more recent years was known as Mercy Jeannette from the Pittsburgh Mercy Health System in April 2008. Included in that sale was Norwin Medical Commons, which remains a lasting legacy of JDMH, as the thriving outpatient medical center renamed Excela Square at Norwin.

By 2010, all inpatient services at the Jeannette site had transitioned to nearby Excela Westmoreland Hospital and the campus became outpatient only. All services were finally integrated with Excela Health in 2011, when the hospital closed permanently at which time the four-story building was put on the market.
Over the years more than a dozen disparate businesses have expressed interest including a movie company, a call center, and various manufacturers, but in all cases, retrofitting the structure was deemed cost-prohibitive.

In 2014, Excela Health invested $2.7 million to raze the hospital building and return the property to green space, making the property attractive to potential buyers.

“Excela Health is pleased to be part of community revitalization in Jeannette and to have attracted a community-minded partner to the city,” said Scott Koscho, Vice President of Support Services at Excela Health, who oversaw the demolition and site preparation. “We believe the Anlaufs will one day provide long-term community benefit just as the hospital did for so many years.”

Excela Health will maintain a strong health care presence on the campus – providing physician and diagnostic services to the community in the adjacent Medical Office Building.

“We appreciate the care and concern for the neighborhood and the community exhibited by Excela over the years,” said Jeannette Mayor Richard Jacobelli: “We are eager to see the property utilized to its fullest potential and become part of the fabric of our community both in service and economic support.”