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***St. James Mercy Hospital Announces Transitions for Two Clinics***

**HORNELL, N.Y. (April 20, 2015)** – St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH), in Hornell, NY, announced transition plans for two clinics. Beginning in May, the providers at SJMH’s Hornell Pediatric Care Clinic, Dr. Uzma Mehr and Tamara Suzanne, N.P, will be joining Oak Orchard Community Health, Inc., to continue providing pediatric care to residents of Hornell and surrounding communities. Dr. Mehr and Ms. Suzanne will be relocating to 20 Elm Street, in Hornell, where the Oak Orchard Health services will operate.

Oak Orchard Health is a patient-centered practice that will offer primary and preventive family medicine and pediatrics to the Hornell community. “Our intention in opening a practice in Hornell is to provide accessible, quality primary and preventive care for families. We look forward to working in concert with other healthcare providers in the community to create a sustainable healthcare model for the future,” said Jim Cummings, Oak Orchard Community Health Center, Inc. CEO. “We are excited about joining the community, getting to know residents, and providing care that makes a difference to individuals’ quality of life.”

“For many years, we have been proud to provide primary care at the Alfred Primary Care Clinic, and pediatric care at the Hornell Pediatric Care Clinic,” said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH president & CEO. “Throughout the transformation process, our goal has been to preserve access to healthcare services for local community residents, and with the arrival of Oak Orchard Health, Inc. in Hornell as a provider of primary care and pediatric care, residents will continue to have access to high quality healthcare.”

Patients who wish to continue care with Dr. Mehr and Ms. Suzanne will need to sign a Release of Information form so that their records may be transferred to Oak Orchard Health or another provider, as preferred.

“We are delighted that Dr. Mehr and Ms. Suzanne are remaining in the community, and are grateful for their assistance, as well as that of Oak Orchard Health, in effecting a smooth transition of services,” said Sullivan.

SJMH also announced that the Alfred Primary Care Clinic, located at 35 Glen Street, in Alfred, NY, will close, effective May 15. Patients are being notified of the closure and provided information for securing continued primary care in the region, including with Oak Orchard Health, and transferring medical records.

Questions regarding these transitions may be directed to the SJMH Medical Records department at (607) 324-8790.

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