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SJMH Receives \$54.9 million in State Funding to Support New Facility and UR Medicine Regional Planning

Hornell, N.Y. (March 4, 2016) Governor Cuomo announced today that St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) will receive \$54.9 million in funding for the development of a new health care facility in Hornell and to support the regional planning efforts underway with UR Medicine.

"We are well on our way to transforming health care in Hornell, and today St. James Mercy Hospital is one step closer to achieving its goals," said Jennifer L. Sullivan, president and CEO, St. James Mercy Hospital. "Today's announcement provides us, as well as our partner UR Medicine, with clarity regarding the state's contribution to this effort."

"Today is a near-historic day for health care in Hornell and this is by far the best news I have received in 2016," said Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan, who also serves on the board of directors of SJMH. "I believe this is the most money this region has ever received from New York State, and it will have a very positive impact on our health care delivery system."

The funding is being provided through the state's Essential Health Care Provider Support Program.

"This is wonderful news for Hornell, and it's an endorsement of our collective efforts to strengthen health care in communities across the Southern Tier," said Mark Taubman, M.D., CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center and UR Medicine and dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry. "I want to especially thank Governor Cuomo, Commissioner Zucker, and our state legislators for providing this transformational investment. Our goal is to help these communities provide services that will allow patients to receive care close to home, and close to their families and support systems, whenever possible."

Taubman praised the efforts of Sullivan as well as Steven Goldstein, president and chief executive officer of Strong Memorial Hospital. Goldstein, who also leads the development of UR Medicine's regional hospital network, has been working for several years with leaders from St. James Mercy as well as Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville and Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville. The institutions currently collaborate to bring UR Medicine specialists such as medical oncologists, cardiologists, neurosurgeons and others to all three communities.

UR Medicine and St. James Mercy announced last June that they are exploring a formal affiliation between the organizations. UR Medicine announced affiliations with Noyes Memorial and Jones Memorial in November.

Taubman and Sullivan praised the efforts of several legislators for their support of the funding request: Sen. Chuck Schumer, Rep. Tom Reed, Sen. Tom O'Mara, Sen. Michael Ranzenhofer, Assembly Majority Leader Morelle, Assemblyman Bill Nojay, Assemblyman Bronson, and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano.

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About St. James Mercy Hospital - Founded in 1890, St. James Mercy Hospital provides compassionate, quality care for the residents of Hornell, NY and the surrounding communities. The hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, including emergency, express care, acute medical and surgical, imaging, and laboratory. Specialty services include orthopedics, dialysis, cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation, adult day care, long term care (skilled nursing), short term rehabilitation, and a personal emergency response system (MercyLine). For more information, visit www.stjamesmercy.org.

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