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Stevens, Swedish Affiliation Presentations Planned

Public Invited to Attend, Learn More About Proposed Healthcare Partnership

EDMONDS, WA – The public will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposed healthcare affiliation between Stevens Hospital and Swedish at several community presentations scheduled for this spring and summer. Representatives from Stevens and Swedish will explain the intent of the proposed affiliation and anticipated changes to healthcare services and Public Hospital District No. 2 that may result from this long-term partnership.

Stevens and Swedish are currently waiting for a regulatory decision from the Washington State Department of Health to finalize an affiliation where Swedish would assume operational management of Stevens Hospital and lease the facility from the hospital district. A decision from the state is anticipated sometime this fall.

The public is invited to attend any of the following presentations:

Monday, June 7, 7 p.m. Mountlake Terrace City Council 6100 219th Street SW, Ste. 220, Mountlake Terrace <u>www.ci.mountlake-terrace.wa.us</u> (Audio files of the meeting will be posted at the City of Mountlake Terrace website following the meeting.)

Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m. Mukilteo City Council 11930 Cyrus Way, Mukilteo www.ci.mukilteo.wa.us

Tuesday, July 13, 6 p.m. Mill Creek City Council 15728 Main Street, Mill Creek <u>www.cityofmillcreek.com</u>

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Monday, July 19, 7 p.m. Woodway City Council 23920 113th Place W., Woodway www.townofwoodway.com

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m. Edmonds City Council 250 Fifth Ave. N., Edmonds <u>www.ci.edmonds.wa.us</u> (Meeting will be broadcast live and rebroadcast daily on Comcast channel 21 and Verizon channel 39 at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.)

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. Snohomish Co. Fire District 1 12425 Meridian Ave. South, Everett www.firedistrict1.org **Tuesday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.** Brier City Council 2901 228th Street SW, Brier www.ci.brier.wa.us

Additional affiliation presentations may be scheduled for the community. For a current list of scheduled presentations, visit <u>www.stevenshospital.org</u>.

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About Stevens Hospital

Since 1964, Stevens Hospital has been committed to improving the health and well-being of the community through local, high-quality and compassionate healthcare services. Stevens Hospital offers a range of hospital services including cardiac and cancer care, obstetrics, mental health services, emergency services and state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging. In 2010, the community hospital received a five-star rating for the treatment of stroke (two years in a row), pneumonia (two years in a row) and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease from HealthGrades, the independent healthcare ratings company.

Stevens Hospital, licensed for 217 beds with a professional staff of 1,200-plus, serves patients from South Snohomish and North King Counties. More than 400 physicians have privileges. The Board of Commissioners for Public Hospital District #2 of Snohomish County, Washington, is responsible for oversight of the hospital and its facilities.

About Swedish

Swedish is the largest, most comprehensive non-profit health provider in the Greater Seattle area. It is comprised of three hospital campuses – First Hill, Cherry Hill and Ballard – a freestanding emergency department and ambulatory care center in Issaquah, Swedish Visiting Nurse Services, and the Swedish Physician Division – a network of more than 40 primary-care and specialty clinics located throughout the Puget Sound area. In fall 2009, Swedish broke ground on a new medical office building and hospital in the Issaquah Highlands, as well as a medical office building and ambulatory center in Ballard. More recently, Swedish announced plans to open freestanding emergency department and ambulatory care center facilities in <u>Mill Creek</u> and Redmond. In addition to general medical and surgical care, Swedish is known as a regional referral center, providing specialized treatment in areas such as cardiovascular care, cancer care, neuroscience, orthopedics, high-risk obstetrics, pediatric specialities, organ transplantation and clinical research. For more information, visit www.swedish.org.