



Sierra Providence Health Network and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso Collaborate on New Teaching Hospital

El Paso – May 6, 2014 – Sierra Providence Health Network (SPHN) and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) at El Paso in conjunction with Medistar Corporation are collaborating on a new multi-million dollar teaching hospital and a 110,000 square foot medical office building in far West El Paso. The new hospital will have capacity up to 140 beds and will operate as part of the Sierra Providence Health Network (SPHN), Tenet's system of hospitals and outpatient centers in El Paso. It will serve as a teaching hospital for medical students, nursing students, resident physicians and faculty from TTUHSC's Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, eventually offering training for approximately 75 medical residents across a multi-year program.

The investment in new technology and medical research will enhance educational training in specialties such as emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry, radiology and surgery. This collaboration will also provide patients with opportunities to participate in cutting-edge research.

"All great medical schools provide their students experiences at multiple hospital settings," said Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., founding dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and vice president for health affairs, TTUHSC at El Paso. "Our new affiliation with Sierra-Providence will allow our students to learn in a state-of-the-art community based hospital while meeting the needs of our growing student body as well as our accreditation requirements for expanding class sizes."

"Sierra Providence Health Network is committed to making the City of El Paso the premier location for health care services in the region, and we look forward to partnering with the Texas Tech University Health Science Center at El Paso as we achieve this mission," said J. Eric Evans, market CEO for Sierra Medical Center and Providence Memorial Hospital. "Together, we will offer an exceptional level of services to the west side communities as well as Southern New Mexico. The collaboration will facilitate the sharing of best practices among clinical leaders to further drive improvements in care. We are proud to take this important step in our quest to provide world-class healthcare to the communities we serve."

The new hospital and MOB will be located at the corner of Resler and Transmountain Road, and will serve as a teaching hospital for medical students, nursing students, resident physicians, and faculty from TTUHSC's Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (PLFSOM).

Construction on the hospital is scheduled to begin in fall 2014 and be completed in the fall of 2016.

This development complements SPHN's continued investment in the city of El Paso, which has grown to more than \$550million in the last 10 years. Additionally SPNH and TTUHSC recently announced another collaboration to develop the city's first acute geriatric behavioral health unit that will be housed at Providence Memorial Hospital. The unit will have 12 private rooms and cater to patients 65 years-of-age and older.

About Sierra Providence Health Network:

Sierra Providence Health Network includes Sierra Providence East Medical Center, Sierra Medical Center, Providence Memorial Hospital and Providence Children's Hospital. The Network also offers a wide range of outpatient services including Sierra Providence TotalCare, Sierra Providence Urgent Care Centers, Sierra Providence Trawood Center and ER, Sierra Teen and Women's Centers, Wound Care Centers and Sierra Providence Sleep Disorders Center. SPHN is committed to providing the Greater El Paso region with high-quality, patient-centered care that improves our region's well being.

About Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, the Texas Tech University System's fourth university, has a mission to provide education, research, and patient care to West Texas. It is comprised of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing and is a regional campus for a Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The university has a clinical practice called Texas Tech Physicians which is part of the largest network of healthcare physicians in West Texas. Research focuses on cancer, diabetes & obesity, infectious diseases, and neurology.

About Medistar Corporation

Medistar is a full-service real estate development company that specializes in the design, development, financing and construction of medical office buildings and other medical facilities for the healthcare industry, as well as corporate developments and corporate facilities.