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City of Williston, Sanford Health sign Letter of Intent to build a new hospital and clinic

WILLISTON, N.D. — The City of Williston and Sanford Health have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the goal of enhancing health care in the Williston community and region. The LOI sets the vision to build a new hospital and clinic, which will be located in Williston Square.

“This is a game changer for Williston,” said City of Williston Mayor Howard Klug. “Our goal is to be a regional center for growth, and expanding health care services and infrastructure in our community is an integral part of this.”

In addition to health care, Williston Square, an 800-acre development on the former site of Sloulin Field International Airport, includes plans for a Civic Center, shopping, restaurants and new residential homes and apartment buildings.

Sanford and City of Williston leaders share a vision of the future of health care for the region, one that enhances access and provides quality care to the community, western North Dakota and eastern Montana.

“We are excited to collaborate with the City of Williston to deliver health care to more patients in the region,” said Michael LeBeau, M.D., president/CEO of the Bismarck region of Sanford Health. “This announcement sets the foundation to develop and offer the best patient care possible with the goal of high-quality care close to home.”

“We have listened to our community’s health care needs and want to ensure that local voices remain a core component of planning going forward,” said Mayor Klug. “We look forward to working with Sanford in the coming months and welcoming them to our community and region. The future hospital and clinic in Williston Square speaks to Williston’s exciting future.”

The first step will be to form a community board that will work with Sanford to provide guidance on local health care priorities. The City of Williston and Sanford aim to have an agreement completed by Aug. 31, 2021.

About the City of Williston

Founded in 1887, the City of Williston is the county seat of Williams County and is situated at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. The City is a regional hub for business, leisure, and economic development in northwest North Dakota. The City operates under the governance of a five-member Commission which includes the Mayor. The City is made up of 12 major departments and almost 400 employees. Learn more about the City of Williston at www.cityofwilliston.com.

About Sanford Health

The Sanford Bismarck region provides health care to central and western North Dakota, eastern Montana and northern South Dakota. It includes 21 clinics in Bismarck, Mandan, Minot, Dickinson and Watford City, as well as a Level II trauma center located in Bismarck. Sanford Health, one of the largest health systems in the United States, is dedicated to the integrated delivery of health care, genomic medicine, senior care and services, global clinics, research and affordable insurance. Headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the organization includes 46 hospitals, 1,400 physicians and more than 200 Good Samaritan Society senior care locations in 26 states and 10 countries. Learn more about Sanford Health's transformative work to improve the human condition at sanfordhealth.org or Sanford Health News.

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