

Statement from Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro

regarding future of St. Francis Hospital

“St. Francis Hospital has served a critical role in our community, particularly in the key health areas of Mental Health Services, Chemical Dependency and Detox, Preschool and Early Intervention Services and Trauma II Emergency Services, and we must see those vital services preserved. Westchester Medical Center has made clear they intend to maintain these services and wants to grow in our community.

Dutchess County has weathered closure of state facilities, continued economic stagnancy and job losses. The speedy and orderly transition forward can provide a much need opportunity to improve our economic condition, enhance critical services and keep workers employed.

We look forward to working with Westchester Medical Center to ensure they are successful in Dutchess County, as they seek to preserve and expand job opportunities for the delivery of the highest quality of care and services.”

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