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Dear Mr. Jung:

Last week's community forum on Upstate Medical and Community General Hospital was highly informative and successful. Over 100 attended the session, which was co-hosted by CNYHSA and HAC-CNY. There were eight speakers during the public comment period, which followed presentations by the hospital CEO's (see <http://www.cgh-upstate.org/site/>). Topics addressed included: employee pension, contract, and labor relations; clinical integration and organizational models; role of medical education; and the decision-making process for the future of both institutions.

Upon conclusion of the forum, the CNYHSA Board met and passed the following motion:

**CNYHSA supports the process and development of the proposed affiliation and acquisition of Community General Hospital by Upstate Medical University. Support is based on the following expectations:**

- An appropriate array and efficient scale of community-based outpatient and inpatient services will be maintained at the Community General campus.
- The regional teaching, clinical service, and patient care roles of Upstate will be enhanced by securing and utilizing the human and capital resources of Community General.
- A model of improved acute care services will be pursued which integrates patient care-oriented teaching responsibilities with the voluntary community-based practice of medicine.
- Suggestions and concerns expressed by speakers at the Community Forum will be assessed and given due consideration by Upstate and Community General.
- A vehicle for continued community engagement on the acquisition process will be provided via a scheduled series of meetings involving a CNYHSA representative(s) or other mechanism agreed to by all parties.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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