

Greater Southeast Community Hospital Pursues Path of Improvement

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Washington, D.C. -- Greater Southeast Community Hospital (GSCH) has completed a survey performed by the Washington, D.C., Department of Health (DOH) in conjunction with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Hospital leadership has been informed of areas where it does not comply with Medicare regulations, and it is working on a plan of correction that will bring the deficiencies into compliance. Work is already in progress to address areas that need improvement.

GSCH is entering its third month under the ownership and management of Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, in partnership with Quorum Healthcare Resources (QHR), and the new entity has overcome significant challenges in terms of physical plant, staff training and technology in order to bring the hospital back to a level of quality and excellence that the community deserves.

Since late November, GSCH has acquired 20 new patient ventilators, made repairs and additions to the fire and electrical safety infrastructure, improved lighting inside and outside the building and ordered new fetal monitors. Staff training has been ongoing since early December to improve emergency response time and make better use of technology. Building repairs, including HVAC, windows and structural integrity, are taking place. In addition security procedures have been upgraded and additional security officers are now on staff.

“The road to providing good healthcare to our community is under construction. This road will lead to a hospital that emphasizes patient safety and delivers excellent quality and service,” said Gary Rowe, CEO. “There will always be room for improvement, and this report gives us a good solid baseline to improve from.”

GSCH was acquired by Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, in November 2007 in a transaction that received financial consideration by the District of Columbia in recognition of the healthcare services this venue provides for residents of the local community. The hospital offers emergency, primary, OB-GYN, pediatric and psychiatric care; as well as radiology, screening and other out-patient services. The facility is undergoing transformation into a comprehensive healthcare campus in a development plan that will open in phases over the next three to five years.

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