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PORTSMOUTH REGIONAL HOSPITAL OPENS NEW CENTER FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION WITH TUFTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Governor Sununu Calls New Facility a “Magnet” for Outstanding Health Care

Portsmouth, NH – With the clip of a ribbon, New Hampshire’s Seacoast has transformed into a hub for advanced medical training which will benefit the residents of this region for years to come. The first critical piece of a new Portsmouth Medical Park is now in place with the official opening of Portsmouth Regional Hospital’s (PRH) new Graduate Medical Education (GME) Center. Governor Chris Sununu joined PRH administration, GME leadership, project managers, and civic leaders to cut the ribbon on the new facility in Portsmouth designed to help new physicians complete their residency in either family or internal medicine. The new GME Center features state-of-the-art classrooms outfitted with the latest equipment and technology, a sophisticated simulation lab for hands-on training, and a medical library.

“This is more than just a brick and mortar expansion in Portsmouth, this is a state-of-the-art learning facility that will be a magnet for professional development for new physicians from around the region, nation, and other countries who will seek out these residencies for careers in family medicine and internal medicine,” says Governor Chris Sununu, who headlined the opening ceremony and took a tour of the Charles L. Thayer Medical Building. “This program will attract the best and brightest in the medical community. They will learn in the classrooms, simulation lab, and medical library and perform their residencies at PRH and other outpatient clinics and offices. Once they are here, I am confident they will stay in this region to live, work and play in New Hampshire to the benefit of our overall health and well-being.”

“This is just the beginning of our long-term strategy to create the Seacoast’s most comprehensive clinical experience for GME residents. Tufts University School of Medicine’s deep history and success in producing nationally recognized talent from its medical school programs coupled with Portsmouth’s robust inpatient clinical capabilities as well as our outpatient clinics will create the foundational elements of a well-rounded educational experience for these new physicians,” says Dean Carucci, CEO of Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

The PRH GME program will provide residents with the clinical experience and supportive mentoring that will lead to a successful career as a family medicine or internal medicine specialist. The training programs are designed to prepare residents for the changing environment physicians will face.

The 65,000-square-foot facility was designed and built by PROCON and developed by The Kane Company, features medical labs, flexible floor plans and advanced technology, located right across the street from Portsmouth Regional Hospital. “We recognized the changing competitive atmosphere of both medical technology and education, so we designed a learning facility that would be malleable to



shifting resource needs,” says Mark Stebbins, Chairman & CEO of PROCON. “This will ensure the first building block of this medical park will remain technologically relevant for many years to come.”

“To develop this type of project is to invest in the long-term health and wellness of the entire region and we are honored to have played a role in making this facility a reality,” says Michael Kane, CEO of the Kane Company. “This is the first piece of what we envision will be a medical hub with hundreds of thousands of feet of space for training and education. This project will create new development opportunities which will benefit the entire seacoast economy.”

The facility will be officially named the “Charles L. Thayer Medical Building” after Charles “Chappy” L. Thayer, M.D., a beloved and highly regarded surgeon who served Portsmouth and the region for decades. The street of the new Portsmouth Medical Park has been named after popular long-time Mayor Eileen Dondero Foley, whose tenure oversaw the advancement of high-quality health care in the city and surrounding communities.

“My mom would have been thrilled to see the coming together of advanced health care and education in our community and our family is deeply humbled to have this street named after her,” says Mary Carey Foley, daughter of Mayor Eileen Foley.

“Chappy was so proud to serve the people of Portsmouth and this is an incredible honor for our entire family to have his name adorn this center for medical training and education,” says Jerry Thayer, son of Dr. Charles Thayer.

About Portsmouth Regional Hospital:

Portsmouth Regional Hospital is a 220-bed acute care hospital located in Portsmouth, NH. Portsmouth Regional Hospital serves the Seacoast region’s residents in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts and is one of the area’s largest employers. Portsmouth Regional Hospital is the only ACS Verified Level II Trauma Center on New Hampshire’s Seacoast. Portsmouth Regional Hospital is the Seacoast’s only comprehensive heart and vascular program, and its only 24/7 comprehensive neurosurgical and stroke clot retrieval programs for both ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes. For more information about Portsmouth’s services and physicians, visit: www.portsmouthhospital.com.

About PROCON:

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About The Kane Company:

The Kane Company is among the region’s largest real estate investment and development companies. The Kane Company is a leading owner, manager, and developer of class A and B real estate. Since the early 90’s Kane has focused on building and acquiring commercial properties, with a portfolio of over 2million s/f of office, retail, hospitality and industrial properties in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts and is one of the largest commercial landlords in Portsmouth.