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December 19, 2007

To: The Forum Health Community
From: Keith T. Ghezzi, MD, President and CEO
Re: Board of Trustees Update

In recognition of the significant progress we have made in our turnaround initiative, the Forum Health Board of Trustees on Tuesday voted to suspend the sales process and focus its efforts on continuing to enhance our facilities and secure Forum's role in providing high-quality care for the residents of the Mahoning Valley.

With its decision, the Board noted the extraordinary efforts and contributions of Forum's employees, physicians and supporters. This is a strong vote of confidence in Forum's hospitals and our ability to work together to enhance patient care and continue the important progress we've made over the past two years.

While the Board has not closed the door to future partnerships or affiliations that could bring our hospitals investment capital or other resources that would advance our goals, at this time Forum will no longer pursue potential sale opportunities for Forum's hospitals. In the coming months, the Board will begin putting into place a permanent management team that will work alongside with Trumbull Memorial Hospital's President and COO Kevin Spiegel in leading Forum Health in the future.

We will be continuing our work with lenders to find new ways to support our operations and invest in our hospitals and health programs. Going forward, we must continue to find ways to operate efficiently, effectively and with a commitment to safe, quality patient care. That means

setting priorities and focusing our resources on our core services. It also means we must be willing to take a fresh look at every aspect our work and determine where we succeed and where we can do better.

I want to express my deep, personal appreciation to the Trustees, who contribute a great public service in their work for this system and community. For the past three years, the Forum Board has been fortunate to be led by Chairman Tom Hollern, the former president of National City Bank who in 2005 was recognized as Youngstown State University Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Mr. Hollern has recently moved from Canfield to Columbus to be nearer to his children and grandchildren, and concluded his service on the Board with December's meeting. Mr. Hollern has been a fierce advocate and unflinching in his support of Forum's mission in this community. We owe him a great debt of thanks. The Board will choose a new chairman sometime after the holidays.

Finally, I speak for the Board and the entire management team in our appreciation and gratitude to all the people of Forum Health. As a community, we all have navigated through tremendous change and some difficult decisions, but you have not wavered in your commitment to outstanding patient care and professionalism.

Thank you for all that you do, and my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

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