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Schuylkill Health and Lehigh Valley Health Network Sign Agreement to Merge

BY [ADMIN](#) · APRIL 14, 2016

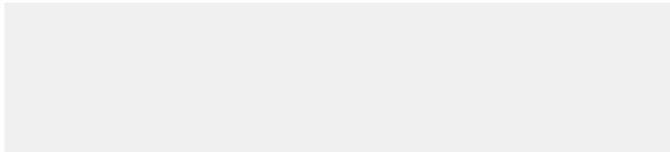
Special Announcement



**This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACEOP,
president and CEO.**

I am pleased to announce that Lehigh Valley Health Network and Schuylkill Health System have signed a definitive agreement to merge.

The transaction is subject to the typical regulatory review associated with this type of transaction, and is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.



Our two organizations have worked together to care for burn and stroke patients through the use of telemedicine, and other patients who require a higher level of specialized care. LVHN's mission first and foremost is to heal, comfort and care for the people of our community by providing advanced and compassionate health care of superior quality and value supported by education and clinical research. Several thousand people travel from Schuylkill County to LVHN for tertiary services each year.

This makes LVHN part of the Schuylkill community and it is natural for us to partner with SHS. We are enthusiastic about building on an already successful partnership to provide primary care and specialized services to the residents of Schuylkill County.

We will make this announcement to the media and community on Thursday, April 14 – at 11:30 a.m. through a news release which you can [download here](#).



Schuylkill Medical Center East Norwegian Street



Schuylkill Medical Center South Jackson Street

Anne Panik, RN, to Retire as Senior VP, Patient Care Services and CNO

BY [TERRY CAPUANO](#) · APRIL 11, 2016

This message is from Terry Capuano, RN, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

It is with mixed emotions of both sadness and happiness that I inform you of the retirement of one of our most beloved leaders, Anne Panik, RN, senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer (CNO). Anne will retire on June 18 after 36 years with LVHN.

As you know, it will be a challenge to find someone who can replace Anne. She began as the clinical supervisor of the emergency department and progressed through director and administrator positions within patient care services, completing her tenure as CNO and senior vice president for patient care services for the past six years.

Anne has led many projects and innovations within our health system and was involved in the merger of Muhlenberg and Lehigh Valley Hospital, facilitating the transition with Muhlenberg colleagues. She was

instrumental in our first and successive Magnet designations, winning the Magnet Prize in 2013.

Under Anne's leadership, the Nurse Residency Program was established, a program dedicated to the professional development of new graduates. The Night Shift Nurse Council gave our nighttime staff a voice in nursing, and Anne utilized the wisdom of the RN Advisory Committee in many decisions. A strategic plan for patient care services was crafted, services such as ECMO were added in nursing, and Epic implementation occurred.

Anne is dedicated to quality care, patient service, and staff engagement. She is known for her kindness, passion, boundless energy, leadership development and vision.

Anne will remain engaged in her responsibilities until she transitions them to our new CNO. Toward the end of this fiscal year, we will have opportunities to wish Anne well in her retirement.

It is my pleasure to announce Kim Jordan as the successor to Anne as LVHN's CNO effective April 24. Kim will have time with Anne remaining until June to orient to this role. Kim joined LVHN in 2002 as the director for the transitional open heart unit and open heart unit. She was promoted to the administrator role in 2006 and most recently served as the vice president for the Lehigh Valley Hospital campus.

Currently enrolled in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program at DeSales University, Kim anticipates completion of all degree requirements by September of 2016. She is also enrolled in a three-year Health Management Academy Fellows Program in Nursing Administration.

Kim holds a Master's Degree in Health Administration from the University of Scranton and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland.

While in nursing administrative roles at LVHN, Kim has been instrumental in the initiation of leadership daily huddles, oversight of quality improvement, and involvement in the opening of LVHN-Tilghman, inpatient rehab and 7K.

Kim is an advocate for quality patient care and service excellence, and is known for her affable personality and can-do attitude. Her competencies as a leader enable her to succeed Anne and continue on the journey of innovative, compassionate nursing care throughout the network.

Please join me in welcoming Kim as our new CNO.

Inpatient RN Standardized Uniform Implementation Set for May 31

Hug a Volunteer Today

BY [GERARD MIGLIORE](#) · APRIL 12, 2016

Thank a Volunteer Today

It's national volunteer week.

We appreciate all that our volunteers do for our patients and colleagues.



Wherever you are right now – on a patient care unit, in an office or even a hallway – a volunteer is likely lending a hand someplace nearby. And every time a volunteer reaches out, it helps make our mission possible. That's why National Volunteer Week (April 10-16) is the perfect time to say thank you. Hug a volunteer (or two) today and tell them how much you appreciate the cheerful support they provide to patients, families and colleagues.

Volunteer support extends across more than 190 departments, units and other areas throughout LVHN. Collectively, our 1,300-plus volunteers donated more than 108,000 hours of service over the past fiscal year. The value of their assistance equates to more than \$2.3 million, but the true value is priceless. Every project, every assignment, every gesture matters, which is why the 2016 volunteer week theme is *Volunteers Make a Difference*.

LVHN senior leaders will remind volunteers just how big a difference they make during a Volunteer Recognition luncheon April 14 at SteelStacks in Bethlehem. Among those honored will be 25-year volunteer Violet Feden. Violet was 75 years old when she began volunteering at LVHN, and she will celebrate her 100th birthday next month. Violet currently volunteers at LVH-17th Street.

Wondering if a volunteer can support your department or unit? Whether your work is clinical or non-clinical, volunteers can help in a variety of ways. You also are welcome to volunteer at LVHN yourself as long as your volunteer assignment is not related to the regular work you do. Gifts shops throughout LVHN are especially in need of volunteer support. Call the volunteer department at 610-969-2850 to learn more.

Discounted Registration Still Available for Lehigh Valley Health Network Via Marathon

BY [ADMIN](#) · APRIL 15, 2016

Do you need a goal to motivate you to stay fit this summer? The LVHN Via Marathon is the perfect opportunity for runners of all experience levels. Commit now to the marathon, half marathon, team relay or 5K run and you can take advantage of a discounted registration rate. A limited number of spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This year's event falls on a unique weekend as it will be the 10-year anniversary of the event, and also will acknowledge the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

Secure your spot by calling 610-402-CARE. A 15



percent discounted rate will be offered to a limited number of registrants.

Interested in blogging about your training for one of these marathon events? Send us an email at lvhn@lvhn.org.

The marathon starts at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Cedar Crest and winds through Allentown and Bethlehem before ending in Easton. The relatively flat course is one of the fastest in the U.S. and serves as a Boston Marathon Qualifier, which has resulted in record participation numbers in prior years. More than 250 colleagues ran in the marathon weekend's various races last year, including 100 in the relay alone.

Don't be discouraged if you're not a runner. You can still join the fun and participate in the Via Walk, cheer on your children in the Kids Race or just stroll through the Expo and Finish Festival at the Arts Quest Center. For event details and training tips, visit the [Via Marathon website](#). All proceeds help the non-profit, Via of the Lehigh Valley, provide services for children and adults with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome.

Future Medical Students Take a Second Look at SELECT

BY [ADMIN](#) · APRIL 13, 2016

SELECT Scholarly Excellence.
Leadership Experiences.
Collaborative Training.

Experiences for a lifetime. A network for life.™



How do medical students decide which program is best for them? They take a second look at the schools where they've been admitted.

On April 17 and 18, applicants who have been admitted to our SELECT medical school partnership with

University of South Florida (USF) Health Morsani College of Medicine will tour various LVHN locations, including LVH–Cedar Crest and LVH–17th Street. SELECT faculty and staff will host candidates during two days of tours, panel discussions and informal meet and greets.

SELECT is a unique medical program that pairs two years of classroom learning on USF's Tampa campus with two years of clinical experiences at USF's Lehigh Valley campus. Our program continues to grow and attract top candidates throughout the nation. We are committed to building on the success of this program and are excited about our role in educating future medical leaders. Please give these prospects a warm welcome if they pass through your area.

In the Bag Sale at Mack Boulevard; Simple Treasures Sale at LVH–Muhlenberg

BY [NICHOLAS FRITZ](#) · APRIL 12, 2016

Over the years, The Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg Auxiliary has supported the hospital by operating the Camille gift shop and conducting a variety of fund-raising events and activities. Here are details about events the auxiliary is hosting this month.

In the Bag Sale

LVHN–Mack Boulevard café

April 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Simple Treasures Sale

LVH–Muhlenberg, hallway in front of the cafeteria

April 29, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

The history of The Lehigh Valley Hospital–Muhlenberg Auxiliary

When a group of Lutheran clergy purchased a 102-acre alfalfa field and set out to build a new hospital for Bethlehem in the late 1950s, a group of women who became The Auxiliary of the Muhlenberg Hospital Center went to churches all over the Lehigh Valley to gather members and funds in support of the project. By the time the hospital was dedicated in 1961, it was one of the largest auxiliaries in the country.

Last Chance to Register for 2016 March for Babies

BY [SHEILA CABALLERO](#) · APRIL 11, 2016

Are you passionate about healthy babies? You can help secure a healthier future for expectant moms and their babies by joining other colleagues during the March of Dimes' annual March for Babies. Time is running out to [register for the annual 5K walk](#) and [run](#) at Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom on Sunday, April 17.

Last year, 240 LVHN colleagues took steps to fund education, research and support for families and their pre-term babies. Together, we showed our passion for babies by raising \$40,000 for education and research. LVHN also earned the Top Corporate Team award.

You can help us reach our goal of 250 participants this



year (currently we are 46 registrants short of our goal).

Encourage your colleagues, family and friends to participate, and you will all be helping to give premature babies [like Callie](#) a better fighting chance.

If you are already registered, check your email for an important message about completing the required [March of Dimes Participant Waiver](#).

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