Letter from the CEO

Bryan Bogle
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For nearly 80 years, Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital has been an important part of this community. Built in 1947, our hospital has undergone additions, renovations and improvements that have allowed us to adapt to changing healthcare needs.

Today, we are at another important point in that history. Earlier this year, the KCCMH Board of Directors decided to **move forward with planning for a new hospital.** This decision was not made simply because our current building is old. It followed careful evaluation of what it would take to renovate the existing facility compared with building new and what will best position KCCMH to serve our community for generations to come.

Our current campus has reached the limits of its footprint. Renovation would require an estimated seven-year construction process, create significant disruption for patients and staff, and still provide limited opportunities for future expansion.

Potential improvements include additional Emergency Department beds, increased same-day surgery capacity, expanded rehabilitation and therapy space, an improved Swing Bed environment and more room for our growing Specialty Clinic.

There are still many questions to answer. A location has not been finalized, and we continue to evaluate financing options to determine the most fiscally responsible path forward. We are early in the planning process, with your first opportunity to provide input at the community Town Hall on **Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 PM**, at the Burlington Community & Education Center.

Your participation matters. This hospital was built by the community, belongs to the community and exists to serve the community. As we look ahead, we want you to be part of the conversation about what healthcare in Kit Carson County should look like 25 years from now.

Thank you for your continued trust in KCCMH and for joining us as we plan for the future.

Sincerely,
Bryan Bogle
Chief Executive Officer, KCCMH