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Stormont-Vail HealthCare joins Midwest Cancer Alliance Partners Advisory Board

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – Stormont-Vail HealthCare has become the newest member of the Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA) Partners Advisory Board, joining a network of leading hospitals and research institutions across the region that are advancing the pursuit of National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation.

The MCA Partners Advisory Board focuses on the pursuit of NCI designation for the region by demonstrating collaboration of key hospitals and research institutions in the areas of research and education.

Stormont-Vail HealthCare joins: Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics; the Kansas Bioscience Authority; The University of Kansas; The University of Kansas Hospital; Truman Medical Center; Promise Regional Medical Center; Stowers Institute for Medical Research and Kansas State University.

"Stormont-Vail HealthCare has played an important role in expanding cancer clinical trials in northeast Kansas for more than two decades," said Roy Jensen, MD, director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. "We are thrilled that they see the value in stepping up to become a member of the MCA Partners Advisory Board."

"Stormont-Vail is honored to join in the effort to bring an NCI designation to the region and we look forward to bringing more comprehensive cancer care to our patients," said Maynard Oliverius, president and chief executive officer of Stormont-Vail HealthCare.

The MCA Partners Advisory Board was formed in September 2008 to help with strategic planning for achieving NCI designation and provide input on research programs to leverage unique regional strengths in areas such as drug discovery and development.

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”By collaborating together to achieve NCI designation, we are poised to meet the greater challenge of reducing the burden of cancer on people in this region,” said former Kansas Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, chair of the MCA Partners Advisory Board.

In addition to collaborating to accelerate the translation of cancer research discoveries to alliance members, MCA members work together on research projects and apply for federal funding.

For more information about the MCA Partners Advisory Board, visit www.midwestcanceralliance.org.

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