



Port of Walla Walla

Economic Development Advisory Council


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Healthcare Today....

- Idaho hospital to cease inpatient services (7/20/17)
- Detroit Medical Center eliminates 22 positions (7/20/17)
- Louisiana specialty hospital to close less than 4 years after opening (7/17/17)
- Cook County to lay off 1,100 workers, including hospital employees (7/13/17)
- 9 hospital bankruptcies so far in 2017 (7/13/17)
- LifePoint hospital lays off 55 employees (7/13/17)
- Quorum Health to divest Alabama hospital (7/13/17)
- North Carolina hospital files for bankruptcy (7/11/17)
- Trios files for Chapter 9 bankruptcy
- Lourdes being acquired by for-profit healthcare company

Walla Walla Valley Healthcare

- April 3rd announcement of “membership substitution” of Walla Walla General Hospital to Providence.
 - June 19th announcement of Walla Walla General Hospital closure = *35 days of planning*
 - Day 2 of single hospital community
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Emergency Department

- Creating FastTrack triage unit 12 hours a day
- Adding additional staff hours:
 - 24 hours of RN coverage
 - 12 hours of tech coverage
 - 9 hours of physician coverage

Urgent Care

- Extending hours pending staff increases
- Increasing exam rooms pending physician moves

Physician Hires

- Family Practice – 6 providers signed
 - Internal Medicine - 2 providers signed
 - Neurology - 1 provider signed
 - Urgent Care - 1 provider signed
 - Negotiating with 4 other providers
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- Currently finalizing lease agreements for physician offices on Adventist Health campus
 - September 1st start date for new providers

Inpatient Capacity

- Bringing 2-4 rooms back on line within 90 days
- Exploring additional beds pending renovations

Human Resources

- Held job fair at PSMMC & participated in WWGH's
 - Created over 150 new positions and will increase as new providers are signed
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Questions

