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News Release

Prairie Home Hospice To Be Assisted by Avera Marshall

The Prairie Home Hospice board of directors has created an agreement with Avera Marshall to provide supportive services. Together, the two organizations have created a Partner in Health Agreement. These types of collaborations are common for many health-related organizations with similar missions and both organizations are committed to providing quality health care locally.

The Prairie Home Hospice board of directors requested the assistance of Avera Marshall in providing a business analysis of operations earlier this year. Several areas were identified that could be positively impacted and the Prairie Home Hospice board made a decision to formalize the assistance with an official Partner in Health Agreement to begin in June. Already, there have been certain aspects of the business which have been streamlined as a result of the analysis.

The new agreement does not include any ownership transfer. Prairie Home Hospice will continue to operate as a private, not-for-profit organization, with assistance by Avera Marshall, under the terms of the agreement. Dodie Derynck, vice president of resident services at Avera Marshall, will serve as interim administrative director. With the formalization of a Partner in Health Agreement, both organizations will continue to define a stronger Prairie Home Hospice.