

After confiscating private property and displacing a couple dozen families and destroying their family compound at Nob Hill, *NOW* the hospital is considering selling *your* assets?

At the top of the front page of the Cheyenne Herald, it says, "Anything two people know is not a secret."

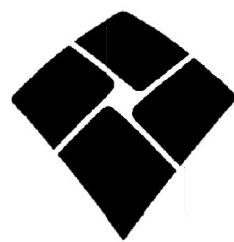
Once again proving that claim, a reader e-mailed the Memorandum at the right which was provided to a couple thousand or more people affiliated with the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, *your* local hospital.

Since this memo was posted to the Cheyenne Herald website on March 16th, other local media have read it and done their own "coverage" of the potential of CRMC now being sold or its operation taken over by a foreign corporation.

The problem with the assertions by hospital officials that this is kind of "kicking the tires" approach by a larger, better operated medical firm, is that not all they say can be believed. Witness the statements made about the hospital's choice of Nob Hill for expansion and the resulting displacement of a group of people who had lived there for generations. The UMC CEO at the time and others around him said they were unaware that a local real estate agent (who sold copiers ten years ago) had threatened those homeowners with the use of eminent domain if they did not agree to sell at the offered price. I was told the agent would be chastised for using that threat (which the hospital did not have, the county does), then Harms retained him for other purchases of land and houses for UMC.

While it is a different regime, the quest for secrecy is the same. So, be prepared for the denial of an interest to be "taken over," then read the following day that that is exactly what will happen.

I have tried to refrain from printing negative stories about the hospital and its staff or doctors because many people who either have no health insurance or use the local HMO have no options. They cannot go to Poudre Valley Hospital or any medical facility in Denver without being "referred" there and few local doctors have the courage to send patients who would otherwise have to go to a local doctor or CRMC south so the local hospital has pretty much gotten a free pass on these pages. For that, I would ask that they be truthful. Try it, it can set your free.



**Cheyenne Regional
Medical Center**

Memorandum

To: Volunteers
**From: Paul S. Howard, Board of Trustees President
 Dr. John Lucas, Chief Executive Officer**
Date: March 11, 2011
Re: Offer to Acquire Healthcare System

~~MEMORANDUM~~

This week a national firm made an unsolicited offer to the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's Board of Trustees and the Laramie County Commissioners to acquire our healthcare system and its assets. The firm has expressed interest because of Cheyenne Regional's solid reputation, secure financial standing and strong potential for growth.

As your leadership, we wanted to share this information so you will be fully informed. This age of healthcare reform is seeing an unprecedented level of hospital partnerships, and it would be irresponsible of the Board not to evaluate offers of mergers, though that does not mean the Board will accept this or any other offer.

At this point, the Board of Trustees is simply considering what a partnership could mean, including both the short- and long-term impacts. Whether Cheyenne Regional remains independent or at some point decides to partner with another entity, it is important that the vision and purpose of the system, as well as the interests of employees, physicians and the community be maintained and enhanced.

We understand that many of you may have questions and concerns. We want you to know that we will be communicating with you regularly as this process moves forward.