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Partnership Update

Last week the leadership of the Methodist Physician Group met with representatives from the Franciscan Physician Network Group. The objective of the meeting was to learn more about the organization, structure and culture of the two groups.

The physicians representing Franciscan presented as men and women of good will and good intent. The meeting was an opportunity to learn from each other about how to vision a preeminent medical group with a patient centered focus that is not dismissive of the relevance of the independent physician.

There is a lot for us to learn from Franciscan in preparing for success in a Population Health Model. They have experience with an ACO Model and with bundled payments.

They did not present as a group that was driven by domination but open to collaboration. They genuinely listened to the concerns of the Methodist Physician Group leadership.

There was an open dialogue about the perceptions of the relationship between Franciscan management and physicians.

They acknowledged growing pains in their relationship with management and that both parties have learned to respect and trust the role of each other in building a healthcare team that is inextricably linked to be successful as a healthcare organization.

As the evening progressed, the discussion evolved into a high level conversation on how to craft a physician - led organization with a distinct brand of service to patients and supporting physicians.

Over the course of the due diligence period we will convene more meetings with Franciscan's physicians to establish a dialogue about administrative and clinical issues that are important to all of you.

My personal thanks to Drs. Angelique Brown, Andre Artis, Mark Jones, Vineet Shah, Adolphus Anekwe and Vincent Sevier for hosting this meeting. I would encourage you to talk to these physicians about their perceptions.

Thank you for your commitment, hard work and dedication in serving our patients, their families and our communities.

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