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Public Health & Social Services Committee To Tour Ellenville Regional Hospital May 2

Kingston, NY – The Ulster County Legislature’s Public Health and Social Services Committee will be meeting at the Ellenville Regional Hospital, 10 Health Way, Ellenville, NY on May 2 at 6:30. The committee plans to tour the facility during their meeting to see the award winning treatment programs and leading edge diagnostic equipment.

Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez (R –Shawangunk/Wawarsing), Chairman of the Public Health and Social Services Committee credits the leadership of Steve Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Hospital with turning the once struggling operation into a state-of-the-art teaching hospital providing essential services to Southern Ulster County. “Steve put together a good team and partners with other hospitals to offer a variety of services and treatments.”

Legislator Lopez is looking forward to getting a direct look at their new SOMATOM CT Scanner and their new Open MRI but noted that all the equipment in the world is of no use without a well-trained team to operate it. “Ellenville is the smallest teaching hospital in the County but they have a growing reputation for advanced diagnostic capability and skilled specialist.” Lopez said. “They prove that you don’t need to be a big institution to provide access to expert specialist and well trained professional staff.”

Legislator Chris Allen (D- Saugerties), Deputy Chairman of the Public Health Committee noted that Ellenville Hospital fills a unique niche in the county. “Ulster County is larger geographically than the State of Rhode Island and it is important for all 182,000 residents to have access to quality medical services.” Allen said.

Legislator Allen was impressed with the reports about the quick response time of the Ellenville Hospital Emergency Room. “They report that the average wait at their Emergency Room is 18 minutes, compared to the national average ER wait of 55 minutes,” Allen said. “I am interested to see how they manage their ER.”

“Ellenville Hospital has come a long way in a relatively short time,” Lopez recalled. “We are fortunate to have these state of the art services and dedicated providers in our back yard.”

The Tour will kick-off at 6:30 PM with the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting immediately following.
