

Healthcare Reform Discussions with CEO Mimi Roberson and U.S. Senators Udall and Bennet
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President and CEO of Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Medical Center and Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at P/SL, is leading the healthcare discussions in Denver and the state of Colorado. In her role as 2008- 2009 Chair of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Roberson has been working closely with business leaders and elected officials in the reform of our current healthcare system. “It is a distinct privilege to work closely with leaders of Denver and the state of Colorado in an effort to look at ways we can all improve upon the current health care system. As CEO and President of both Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Medical Center and Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at P/SL, I am dedicated to providing access to the best quality care to our patients and their families. My passion and work with the leaders in our community and our region will hopefully help provide a better standard of care to everyone who comes through our doors.”

Roberson is spending time with Colorado’s elected officials providing a voice for hospitals and patients. Friday, August 28th, Roberson moderated the Denver Chamber meeting with U.S. Senator Mark Udall. The senator outlined his principles in healthcare reform which include, cost containment, paying for healthcare reform, providing Americans with a choice and a focus on small businesses and their need for equal healthcare coverage.

Following the Denver Chamber discussions, Roberson was invited to a smaller roundtable discussion. Senator Udall’s office selected top leaders of four Denver area hospitals to sit down and have a candid talk regarding the healthcare needs in our community. Senator Udall believes hospitals are the epicenter of healthcare reform and made a commitment to working with Roberson and the other top healthcare leaders in Denver. “We are all on the same team,” said Roberson. “While it was a very diverse group at this table, philosophically we are all on the same page. We all want the same thing; which is for everyone to have health insurance options and to continue to improve the outcomes of patient care. We want and hope that all of our patients know we are their advocates in healthcare reform.”

Monday, August 31, 2009, Roberson continued her efforts by meeting with U.S. Senator Michael Bennet. Roberson led a healthcare discussion with Senator Bennet at the Denver Chamber meeting. Chamber seats were filled with business leaders from small to large companies, healthcare representatives and citizens of Denver.

Senator Bennet’s message mirrors The Denver Chamber’s and HCA’s principles on healthcare reform. The status quo is not sustainable. We have to change incentives based on quality of care. Give consumers more incentive to focus on preventative care and increase our choices and competition for healthcare coverage. Bennet said, “In the end, reform has to be about creating a health care system that

controls costs and protects our fiscal solvency, while ensuring the ability of every American to have affordable access to quality health care.”

Senator Bennet thanked Roberson for her continued commitment to reforming our current system and her work with community and state leaders to make sure all Coloradans get health coverage while maintaining the highest quality care possible.

U.S. Senator Mark Udall holds candid discussion with hospital leaders. Mimi Roberson is seen on the right.



U.S. Senator Michael Bennet discusses reform at the Denver Chamber. Mimi Roberson is seen in the middle.

