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## Town of Vernon statement on state Office of Health Strategy approval of Yale New Haven Health's acquisition of Eastern Connecticut Health Network and Rockville General Hospital

"We welcome this initial step in the process to get Eastern Connecticut Health Network out from under the control of Prospect Medical Holdings," Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. "The Town of Vernon will be carefully reviewing the terms of any agreement and its impact on Rockville General Hospital and our community."

Rockville General Hospital is an essential community asset that has a long history of serving the people of Vernon and surrounding towns.

"The prospect of having a world-class system such as Yale New Haven Health operating in our community is extremely appealing," Town Administrator Michael Purcaro said. "Our main focus is ensuring that Rockville General Hospital is a fully functioning medical facility and an integral part of Yale's plans for our region."

Yale New Haven Health Vice President of Community and Corporate Alliances Paul Mounds contacted Purcaro Wednesday afternoon to brief him on the announcement.

"I appreciate Paul reaching out," Purcaro said. "Open and timely communication with Yale New Haven Health is critical in this process and gives us the opportunity to advocate for the needs of Vernon and our neighboring communities."

"While it is promising this acquisition has cleared a state regulatory hurdle, it is evident there is a lot of work still to be done to finalize the deal," Purcaro said.