

Nurses

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• Demand for nursing care will grow rapidly as Baby Boomers swell Medicare enrollment by 50 percent by 2025 and millions of individuals obtain new or better access to care under the health care reform law.

• Nurses are rapidly creating and expanding new job roles – such as nurse navigators, care coordinator specialists, and nurse wellness coaches – to help patients secure resources, obtain seamless comprehensive care and develop healthy

lifestyle practices.

• Wherever health care is provided, a nurse is likely to be there – hospitals, ambulatory care centers, private practices, retail and urgent care clinics, nurse-managed health centers, homes, schools, nursing homes, and public and nonprofit agencies.

Increasingly, nurses with advanced degrees, such as nurse practitioners, are providing primary care services and managing chronic illnesses. Studies show patients are highly satisfied with their services and are experiencing outcomes comparable to those of physician services.



City Manager Lee Garrity (right) talks to residents last year at a forum about the then-proposed sale of Bowman Gray Stadium and the LJVMC.

WSSU

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would require prior approval.

“Even a lease with Winston-Salem State requires the state to approve it,” he stated. “... We couldn’t even give it to the university without state approval.”

The property, which includes the stadium and the adjacent Civitan Park, presents many factors to consider, according to WSSU Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management Owen Cooks, and its sale requires the cooperation of several different state agencies, which is part of the reason for the grinding process.

“It’s a pretty large, complex deal,” he stated. “...It’s 94 acres and a lot of moving pieces, a lot of facilities.”

Cooks said the process is moving in the right direction.

“There are still some more hurdles we’ve got to go through,” he said. “From what I’ve heard from the folks in Raleigh, we’re expecting an offer very soon, but I think you’re looking at least a couple of months to get the offer processed.”

State Sen. Earline Parmon said she had expected the deal to be finalized by now, but noted that “the wheels of bureaucracy sometimes turn very slowly.”

“Dealing with the bureaucracy of the state, sometimes there are delays, but we feel pretty confident that it’s going to happen,” she said. “There’s no reason that it shouldn’t.”

The WSSU alumna said local legislators on both sides of the aisle are united in their stance on the issue.

“All of us are very supportive and we’re going to work hard to make sure it happens,” she said. “The full delegation is behind Winston-Salem State being able to purchase it from the city.”

Cooks says being able to expand the campus to include the stadium, where the WSSU Football team plays its home games, will be well worth the time it takes to make the purchase happen.

“It’s really a key acquisition for our master plan,” he noted. “... We’ve put a lot of money into it, so getting control of that is pretty important to us.”

The university has already begun incorporating the stadium into its activities, tapping it for the upcoming 2014 commencement ceremony



Hanes



Cooks

and taking over operational roles for the city. Although some race fans had expressed concerns about the facility changing hands, fearing that the sale could impact races at Bowman Gray, which is hailed as “NASCAR’s longest running weekly racetrack,” both Cooks and Garrity said that those issues have been addressed by provisions that are included in the bill of sale, and WSSU’s stated commitment to keeping the racetrack’s programming intact.

“It has not been a fast process, but we’ve been trying to make it as smooth as possible, to make sure everybody’s needs are accommodated,” Cooks said.

State Rep. Ed Hanes said constituents across his district have voiced support for the sale, with many questioning why it hadn’t happened long before now.

“I think the overwhelming feeling across the district is that Winston-Salem State should have that stadium and in fact should have had a stadium a long time ago,” he said. “It makes no sense that they don’t have the stadium – that’s been the overwhelming sense – because the stadium sits right at the university, they play at it already, and it doesn’t make any sense that they don’t have it.”

Last May, the City Council also approved the sale of Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to Wake Forest University, a private school with brimming coffers, for \$8 million. That sale was completed soon after it was given the green-light.

Chancellor

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for students, faculty and staff.

“We have a search committee that’s going to be good at being good listeners to hear what the community has to say to help select the next chancellor,” said Debra Miller, who heads the WSSU Board of Trustees and the 20-member search committee.

The Board of Trustees appointed the committee, which includes alumni, students, faculty and staff, last month. Members held their first meeting on April 21 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott.

The public input will be used to help draft a leadership statement, which will be given to the search firm that will be charged with finding qualified candidates for the position. The 12 most promising applicants will be interviewed by the Committee, which will recommend their top two or three picks to UNC System President Tom Ross. He will then pick one candidate to present to the UNC Board of Governors, which will ultimately hire the new chancellor. Miller said ideally, the committee would like to see the processes completed before Reaves – who will continue to have a presence at WSSU as a professor – takes his bow at the end of the year. The next chancellor will be the school’s 13th.

“It’s been great to see us evolve as a university as we have under (Reaves’) leadership and to be able to find someone who will complement what he’s already done and build on what he’s already done is exciting for me to be a part of it,” she said.

Randon Pender – president of the Brown Alumni Chapter, one of the city’s oldest WSSU alum organizations – said she is glad alumni have a voice on the committee. WSSU National Alumni Association President Gordon Everette, who was contacted for this story, but deferred to Miller, is a search committee member.

Pender plans to attend tonight’s meeting to say that she wants a chancellor who is not only a strong leader but is visible on campus and at open houses.

“I would like the individual to be a visionary; I would like them to be positive and be able to influence

leadership in a positive way, not in a dogmatic way” she said. “... A down-to-earth type of person; a hit-the-pavement type of person who’s out in the community.”

The other search committee members are: WSSU Trustee and School Board Member Victor Johnson Jr.; WSSU Trustee and Mayor Pro Temp Vivian Burke; WSSU Trustee and Wells Fargo Senior Vice President Sue Henderson; WSSU Trustee and Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust President Karen McNeil-Miller; WSSU Trustee and PNC Bank Senior Vice President Keith Vaughan; WSSU Trustee and WSSU Student Government Association President Bryant Bell; WSSU School of Health Sciences Dean Peggy Valentine; WSSU Faculty Senate Vice Chair Ludovic Kovalik; WSSU Staff Senate President LaTonya Amos; Mayor Allen Joines; WSSU Foundation Board Chair Peggy Carter; The Winston-Salem Foundation President Scott Wierman; WSSU Professor Dennis Felder; retired educator Cleveland Ellison; Union Baptist Pastor Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr.; WSSU Board of Visitors Member and Newbridge Bank Vice President Coretta Bigelow; and WSSU Board of Visitors Member and orthodontist Dr. L’Tanya Bailey.

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