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BRISTOL — City leaders joined ProHealth Physicians and project developers on Friday for a groundbreaking at the site of the medical office building coming soon to Farmington Avenue.

Ana Ohan, corporate communications lead with ProHealth Physicians, said that the new, 26,000-square-foot building at 1265 Farmington Ave. has

been planned for several years.

“It will serve more than 20 physicians and advanced practice clinicians,” she said. “The building will have 45 state-of-the-art exam rooms. It will provide primary care, phlebotomy and imaging. It will really be a one-stop shop primary care.”

Ohan said the building is expected to be completed next year. ProHealth Physicians will then re-

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Brian M. Johnson
ProHealth Physicians executives and city leaders break ground on the company's medical building on Farmington Avenue Friday.



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Mayor: It was the right thing for city

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cate their two satellite locations in Bristol and the location in Plainville into this centralized space.

"This will be our flagship building," she said. "We wanted to have an upgraded facility where most of our patients are located, so it would be more convenient for them to get the care they need."

Ohan said that Mayor Jeff Caggiano and the city's economic development team have been "remarkable" helping the process to move along.

"It has been a team effort," she said.

Caggiano said that this site is the last major undeveloped parcel along Route 6. It is a former farm, he said, but has not been operating as a farm for many years. On the other side of the parcel is Kern Park, which he noted is being preserved as an open space.

"Re-using this land was the right thing for the city and our economic development," said Caggiano. "It will make it easier for our residents to access health care and it will put another tenant onto our tax rolls."

Targeted Real Estate Equities and Endurance Properties LLC are the project developers. The project is financed by Graham Mortgage and Thomaston Savings Bank. The design, building, engineering and construction logistics are being done by Verdi Design of Newtown.

Dan Steinberg, managing director at Targeted Real Estate Equities, said he anticipates that the build-

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ing will be completed by the first quarter of 2025. Prior to the groundbreaking, he thanked all who made it possible.

"We have been working with a lot of municipalities in the past 30 years and I don't think there are any I'd rather work with than the City of Bristol," he said. "This is a very exciting day for us. We worked closely with the mayor, the economic and community development team and city officials. They were very helpful."

Stephen Traub, president and CEO of ProHealth Physicians, thanked the residents of Bristol for putting their trust in ProHealth Physicians and continuing their "journey" together.

"We have enjoyed a rewarding, meaningful relationship for many years with Bristol citizens," he said. "We are committed to continuing to help them live healthier lives and taking care of them moving forward."

Traub thanked Steinberg and Caggiano for their help



Brian M. Johnson

ProHealth Physicians President and CEO Stephen Traub speaks at the groundbreaking Friday on Farmington Avenue for his company's 26,000-square-foot building.

in getting the project to this point. He said that he is excited to see the new building open.

"It will be a hub for healing, compassion and hope," he said. "We will create a happier and healthier community in Bristol."

Caggiano said that as part of the development, the city was able to secure \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to install a traffic light on Farmington Avenue near the new medical building.

He thanked Justin Malley, economic development

director, for his efforts in securing this money, which the city began pursuing eight years ago, before he was mayor. The economic development team also had a traffic study of the area completed as part of the process.

In addition to the ProHealth Physicians medical office building, the land also includes two other parcels. One of them will be used for a second location for Platinum Car Wash, which also has a site at 155 Pine St. The other, Caggiano said, will be announced soon.

Ryan Schnitz, owner of Platinum Car Wash, said he hopes to have his new location open by early spring of next year as well. He said he plans to have between seven and 10 employees.

"I'm thrilled to be opening another location at one of Bristol's other main arteries," he said. "This will make our car wash more accessible to the other parts of Bristol."

Schnitz said that the car wash will have 18 vacuums and a 130-foot long tunnel, as well as "double the equipment" of most area car washes.