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## School of Medicine Luncheon Remarks

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**Remarks**  
**WMed Celebration Luncheon**  
**Radisson Plaza Hotel – Kalamazoo Room**  
**Friday, October 12, 2012 at 12:30 p.m.**

Welcome: Hal Jenson, MD, Founding Dean

Welcome, we have reason to rejoice at this celebration luncheon. Today will always be a special and memorable day in the history of the new medical school. We hosted the ceremonial groundbreaking for our new building. We shared groundbreaking news that we received our preliminary accreditation and can now begin recruiting our first class of medical students.

- Why our medical school will succeed (from LCME perspective)

We have much to celebrate together! Joining us for this celebration are the three collaborators of the medical school who are each going to make a few comments: WMU President John Dunn, Paul Spaude, President of Borgess Health, and Frank Sardone, President of Bronson Healthcare.

John Dunn Remarks: “collaboration”

What a day! I’ve been dreaming of this day for over five years, and here it is. When I first came to Kalamazoo in 2007 it didn’t take long for me to see that Kalamazoo has the necessary building blocks for developing an outstanding medical school. Fast forward five years to 2012, Kalamazoo now has an accredited medical school. Perhaps the biggest building block was the spirit of collaboration and community engagement here. We have a very unique model for our medical school. WMU, Borgess and Bronson have come together as the three collaborators to form the medical school. All three organizations are at the board room table to share in its governance, its leadership, and to oversee its execution. And, representatives from all three organizations and from across the community have rolled up their sleeves to do the heavy lifting, to develop the plans and to implement them going forward. It’s a very unique model but one that works for us, for the new medical school and for Kalamazoo. Thank you all for your role in collaborating with us, we could not do this without you.

Paul Spaude Remarks: “accreditation journey”

We could not open our medical school without the LCME’s “good housekeeping” seal of approval. The LCME is the national accrediting body for educational programs leading to the M.D. degree. Our accreditation journey began in early 2010 when John Dunn and a contingent from Kalamazoo traveled to Chicago to meet with the LCME. By March 2010 we had submitted a letter of application to the LCME to officially start the process and the real work began. Two years later in April 2012, we submitted the documentation ... all 1,100 pages. In July we hosted a site visit with four LCME site visitors interviewing 50 people while they were here. The purpose of their three-day visit was to verify, clarify, amplify and sometimes ... terrify. At the meeting of the LCME last week, they reviewed our site visit report and granted our medical school preliminary accreditation. Now we can open our doors to recruit the very best medical

students for our inaugural class ... the class of 2018. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and for your participation in our accreditation journey.

Frank Sardone Remarks: “planning committees”

We are here today because of you – the members of our accreditation planning committees, subcommittees and workgroups. While not everyone could join us today, there are more than 270 individuals who have given their time and expertise to plan and develop our medical school. You developed an educational program built on best practices and we received special recognition from LCME for our robust curriculum. You developed medical student services, policies and an innovative process for student admissions. You developed plans for our technology, our communications approach, our research strategy, our GME programs, our simulation center, our library, our faculty, and our building. Because of you, what began as a great idea five years ago is now a reality. We have an accredited medical school in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Thank you for your role in bringing our new medical school to life.

Hal Jenson Remarks:

- Year ago on October 11, 2011 hosted reception to thank committee members for getting started on the work ahead, and one year later we have made tremendous progress
- Share LCME visit top 10 list slide
  - Present the pen as a token our appreciation and the new embroidered logo (preset on each place setting at the tables)
- Your options slide
- Closing comments, thank you and farewell