The New Roseland Community Hospital is front and center in the conversation about the “State of Safety Net Hospitals,” from Springfield, IL to Washington, DC.

New Roseland President and CEO Tim Egan has recently appeared before the Illinois House Human Services Committee and was a presenter at the 12th Annual Leadership Summit on Health Disparities & Congressional Black Caucus Spring Health Braintrust in Washington, DC at the request of U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly (D-2nd District).

“It is a great honor to represent the patients, physicians and employees of the New Roseland Hospital,” Egan said. “I love showcasing the restructured hospital in Springfield and I was humbled to be invited by Representative Kelly to visit Washington.”

The New Roseland Hospital is now a major contributor in the Association of Safety Net Hospitals, and Egan was invited by Rep. Kelly to speak about Roseland’s dramatic recovery and its place among transform-ing safety net hospitals in America at the Summit themed, “The March Toward Health Equity.”

“I was happy Tim could join me talk about the vital role of safety net hospitals,” Rep. Kelly said. “Safety net hospitals are on the front line of care in vulnerable communi-ties so it is critical that we understand the unique challenges they face so we can de-vlop solutions and support to better help them serve these communities.”

When Egan testified in Springfield, it was to address the currently proposed $1.5 Billion cut to the Illinois Medicaid program in the state’s FY2016 Fiscal Year budget.

“My testimony wasn’t designed to simply beg for ‘no cuts,’” Egan said. “Yes, the New Roseland Hospital is the largest employer in our community with 500 jobs. Yes, we are the economic engine. Yes, our operations mean life and death. But we are a hospital today where opportunity has finally met vision. So I asked the Committee to fight any cuts and figure out a way to invest in the New Roseland.”

The New Roseland vision has led to several impactful collaborations that include an affiliation agreement with Mobile Care Chicago which created the Roseland Dental Mobile, a full-service dental van for children.

Later, the New Roseland was just awarded the 2015 Quality Respiratory Care Recognition by the American Association of Respiratory Care. Only 700 out of 5,000 hospitals in the country receive this recognition.

Perhaps the most impressive advancement at the New Roseland has been the conversion from an antiquated medical records program. The hospital went LIVE with MEDITECH’s 6.0 Electronic Health Records (EHR) system in April of 2014. The MEDITECH 6.0 system represents the future of healthcare IT, based on leading-edge technology and a workflow-oriented EHR. It was designed for today’s healthcare environment, where clinicians deliver care to a wide range of patients throughout the continuum and over mobile networks. The MEDITECH 6.0 EHR provides a streamlined, intuitive user experience to clinicians and healthcare personnel through roles-based worklists and secure online access to clinical data and financial reports.

In February, the New Roseland hosted its 2nd Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Kroc Center and the Keynote Speaker was Mayor Rahm Emanuel who praised the efforts of the new administration. The event was attended by more than 225 elected officials, members of the clergy, patients, physicians, employees and community stakeholders.

“Roseland is an anchor for community healthcare and economic development,” Mayor Emanuel said. “To all legislators who are here, both from City Council and from Springfield, I want to thank you for your leadership and ensuring that the Greater Roseland community has the healthcare that they need and they deserve.”

The event also featured Illinois State Senators Emil Jones III and Antonio “Tony” Ma-noz; Illinois State Representatives Robert “Bob” Rita and Marcus Evans; Aldermen Carrie Austin (34th Ward), Anthony “Tony” Beale (9th Ward) and Willie Cochran (20th Ward); and Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer.

“Sheer will kept the doors of our hospital open during a time of great crisis,” Egan said. “Now a clear vision of our services meeting the healthcare needs of our community will keep our hospital thriving for the next generation.”

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