## Murphy makes the rounds at Bristol Hospital

**By LLUVIA MARES** 

STAFF WRITER

BRISTOL — U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy met with hospital officials and nursing staff during a tour of Bristol Hospital Tuesday.

Murphy accepted an invitation extended by Bristol Hospital in an effort to display the work that goes into running a community hospital.

"Ît's always great to have a U.S. senator come to your hospital and understand the dynamic changes we are having right now," said Kurt Barwis, hospital president and CEO. "I hope that he will made over the years have really go back to Washington with the information he gains today, because these are very challenging times right now."

opportunity to speak with Dr. Marvin McMillen, chief of surgery, about the work the hospital surgery as well as the new obesity program offered at the hospital.

"Our goal surgically is to take care of 90 to 95 percent of outpatient care," said McMillen, as they peeked into an operating room.

Murphy was taken to Level LLuvia Mares can be reached at C of the hospital, which houses (860) 584-0501, ext. 7238, or at the Beekley Center for Breast Lmares@bristolpress.com.

Health, a comprehensive breast cancer care and wellness center in a spa-like setting that is expected to be completed this fall.

"We are becoming more comprehensive in our care and seeing more and more outpatients," said McMillen. "For example, at least 99 percent of our colonoscopy patients go home the same day.

Marie O'Brien, chairwoman of the hospital's board, said she hopes Murphy leaves the tour with an understanding of how valuable a community hospital is.

"The investments we have done so much for our patients," O'Brien said.

The tour ended with a closeddoor conference meeting with Murphy, a Democrat, had the hospital board members and staff.

"We want to make sure that a community hospital like Bristol maintains its quality of service," has been doing with outpatient said Murphy. "I know that state cuts are going to hurt, but the federal government sends a lot of money here. My job is to make sure it doesn't unproportionately hurt hospitals like Bristol."



Marvin McMillen, director of surgical services, far right, talks with U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy during a tour of Bristol Hospital Tuesday. At left is Leonard Banco, chief medical officer. Looking on his hospital President Kurt Barwis.

## Summer interest inventory helps put students on a career path

By STEVE COLLINS

STAFF WRITER

BRISTOL — Before 20 stu-Bristol Community Organization hopes to help them begin to figure out a career plan.

As part of the program, each of the students took a battery of provide insight into their person- to say.

alities and possible career choices.

Janine Öaks, an 18-year-old, dents selected for a summer jobs said she had to answer 436 difprogram are put to work, the ferent questions on three tests provided for free by an anonymous donor who is picking up the tab for the entire program. When she got the results back, bound in a personalized booklet, she flipped high-powered tests that aim to it open quickly to see what it had



Terry Marselle, a psychology teacher, explains personality and career testing results to young people participating in a summer jobs program.

"As I read it, I was like, wow, it's true," Oaks said.

The tests basically pegged her as a social and enterprising person who would probably be happiest as a facilities manager, bartender or flight attendant.

"I could see myself doing all that," she said.

Last on the list of suggested careers was minister, something she readily admitted didn't sound as promising.

The testing was done by Bristol resident Terry Marselle, whose regular job is teaching psychology at a West Hartford high school.

"This is very unique what Mr. Marselle is doing," said Tom Morrow, BCO's director.

Marselle said that meshing the results of several standard tests can help give some real insight into people.

What gets those who are social out of bed each morning "is helping people," he said.

Enterprising people "like a debate. A nice, robust debate is their cup of tea," Marselle said. "They'd thrive in a fast-paced, competitive workplace."

He said the interest inventory the students took doesn't "tell you what you should do." Instead, he said, it provides a direction.

No matter what, Marselle told the students, the most important thing for any job is "to show up and show up on time."

He said employees who don't show up without phoning with a good excuse won't have a job for long.

"For me, you'd be fired. And you'd be fired instantaneously," Marselle said.

Oaks said she was happy to have the testing behind her but had interest in the results.

She said the program as a whole, which provides career help and a paid job, is terrific.

"It's cool whoever donated money to kids like this," Oaks

Steve Collins can be reached at (860) 584-0501, ext. 7254, or at scollins@bristolpress.com.

