

Marin Healthcare District



*Creating a healthier Marin together.*





The Marin Healthcare District is a state-chartered agency, fully accountable to the voters and residents we serve. Our mission is to foster the health and wellbeing of our community, and we work diligently to do that in a variety of important ways. In addition to owning the hospital, we are responsible for providing primary and specialty care, and supporting access to key health care resources. Marin County has actually been named the “Healthiest County in America for Kids” by *US News & World Report*, and the “Healthiest County in California” by several independent sources. We consider it our responsibility — and our honor — to help keep it that way. On the following pages, you’ll learn more about our specific efforts to maintain and improve the health of our community.

## **One.** Make sure that Marin General Hospital delivers expert care — compassionately.

Ensuring a high quality of care and an exceptional healing environment at Marin General Hospital is our first priority. The hospital is a vital resource for comprehensive medical services from disease prevention to diagnosis to treatment and beyond. Given that the voters elect the District's directors, Marin General is in fact **your** hospital. And we take our responsibility to you very seriously.

When the hospital came back to District ownership in 2010, we installed a new management team and created an operating board of local residents to monitor the hospital's performance on a daily basis. Under their stewardship, the hospital has raised the level of quality and been recognized for excellence and award-winning care by multiple independent sources. Most notably, Marin General Hospital received the Healthgrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence for 2014. This award is given out to only 260 hospitals nationwide (the top 5%). The hospital has earned many other accolades and awards as well, which can be viewed at [www.maringeneral.org/awards](http://www.maringeneral.org/awards).



## **Two.** Make sure that the District Board and the Hospital Operating Board work effectively together.

Both boards approved a comprehensive set of bylaws and agreed to amend them if circumstances warrant. You can read them at [www.marinhealthcare.org/bylaws](http://www.marinhealthcare.org/bylaws).

The two boards have elected committees to deal carefully with specific issues like finances, strategic direction, and patient safety. They work hand in hand to shepherd the operation and growth of vital health care resources

### **Three.** Oversee Marin General Hospital’s advancement to make certain it continues to deliver expert care — compassionately.

Marin General Hospital served its first patients in 1952—at a time when treatments and technology were far less sophisticated and complicated than they are today... or will be tomorrow.

We need a facility that can help us keep pace with advancements in medicine in order to deliver leading-edge care to our community. And there has been another important change: California’s legislators have made hospitals’ seismic standards far more stringent, and the current building simply does not measure up. These new requirements have created a marvelous opportunity for the District to create a new, state-of-the-art hospital, a “Marin General Hospital 2.0,” if you will.

Plans for this “MGH 2.0” project are well underway. A project team is in place. The Environmental Impact Report has been approved. Renderings are being drawn up. And excitement is building.

#### **New Hospital Plan Rendering**

*The hospital of tomorrow is taking shape today*



### **Four.** Support access to primary care.

A persistent shortage of primary care doctors is even more acute now that the Affordable Care Act has taken effect. To minimize it in Marin, we actively recruit primary care physicians to relocate here. We have expanded the network of medical practices throughout the area, and now operate medical centers in) Greenbrae, Larkspur, Mill Valley, Novato, West Marin, San Rafael, and Sonoma to provide easy-to-access health care to residents of these areas.

## **Five.** Support physician recruitment to Marin County.

Our recruiting activities also include attracting specialists whose expertise adds to the depth and breadth of Marin General Hospital's capabilities. This is especially important given that MarinGeneral is the county's only full-service acute care hospital.

The prospect of practicing at a state-of-the-art "MGH 2.0" is a compelling inducement.



## **Six.** Work with — and provide support to — Marin's other health care providers.

Marin residents are blessed with an array of public and private non-profit organizations that focus on healthcare issues, and we work closely with them. The challenge, of course, is to coordinate activities in ways that add to their effectiveness...and avoid duplication.

## **Seven.** Be a sounding board and advocate for community healthcare access and support.

One of the District's most important functions is to listen. This is one reason why our monthly meetings always include time for public comment. It's also why you're apt to encounter members of our board of directors at public gatherings.

You can also contribute your views (and hear the views of others) by attending a District board meeting. To access the schedule, go to [www.marinhealthcare.org/meetings](http://www.marinhealthcare.org/meetings) or call 415-464-2090.



