

Marin Healthcare District Newsletter

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Dear Marin Healthcare District Residents,

We have significant developments to report this month. First and foremost, I am happy to report that MGH has been granted a two-year extension for the completion of seismic upgrades. Designs for MGH upgrades are already in progress and we look forward to sharing these for input in the future.

The monthly Regular Board meeting was largely dedicated to the first review of the bylaws for the future MGH Corporation. The bylaws were developed with legal counsel, the Transition Committee, executive management, public input and advice from expert consultants.

MHD is also launching a new Physician Development Plan that will help attract and retain doctors for MGH.

As always, if you have any questions about the transition, please do not hesitate to contact MHD through e-mail (info@marinhealthcare.org), my blog (marinhd.wordpress.com) and/or the employee hotline (877-767-5717).

Sincerely,
Lee Domanico
Chief Executive Officer

First Review of Bylaws

Board Reviews Bylaws for MGH Corporation

During last week's Regular Board meeting, the MHD Board was presented with the first review of bylaws for MGH Corp. The proposed structure aims to harness the best attributes of public-private cooperation.

Our goal in structuring the bylaws is to:

- broaden community participation in governance - MGH will be a true community hospital. Ensure that elected and voluntary community leadership are represented.
- seat an experience-based board that will govern MGH operations effectively.
- reserve ownership and mission-related authority to the public board.
- strike a balance between public oversight and accountability with

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private governance through community leaders.

- set requirements for quality, service, growth and financial performance.
- establish a foundation for stable governance that offers an appropriate balance of authority between the public parent and the private operating subsidiary.
- be responsive to governance concerns expressed by physicians, nurses, employees and community members.

The full text of the bylaws can be downloaded from the Archives section of MHD's new website, www.marinhealthcare.org.

Two-Year Extension for MGH's Seismic Upgrade

AB 523 Approved, Deadline Extended to 2015

Earlier this month, MHD announced that AB 523 was signed by the governor. This bill provides for a two-year extension for the state-mandated seismic upgrade of Marin General Hospital. The extension was approved thanks to outstanding efforts by Assembly Member Jared Huffman and Senator Mark Leno.

The extension will allow for the complete process of approving architectural designs, soliciting thorough input from staff and conducting environmental and safety studies. Initial proposals from the project architects are available in the Archives section of the MHD website (see meeting materials from 07/14 Regular Board meeting).

Physician Development Plan

MHD Starts Program to Recruit and Retain Doctors

MHD will launch a comprehensive Physician Development Plan designed to recruit and retain doctors. The Plan was developed based on the findings of the Physician Needs Assessment conducted earlier this year. That study pinpointed areas of medical care that were underserved in Marin County - primary care and specialty care.

Key elements of the Plan include the formation of a Medical Foundation in cooperation with Prima Medical Group, formation of a 1206(B) Government Clinic, offering Individual Physician Practice Income Guarantees, and formation of a Specialty Joint Venture Limited liability Corporation to aid in entering into collaborative relationships.

MHD Updates District Website

Improved Organization and New Features for MHD Website

Readers will be glad to know that the MHD website (www.marinhealthcare.org) has recently been redesigned.

The information that was offered on MHD's previous site was transferred to the new website and MHD has also added some new sections and features. Given that many community members are interested in the transition, there is now a dedicated section for all information specifically related to the transition.

One major upgrade is the site organization. Agendas, minutes, packets, etc. from previous meetings are now stored in a separate online archive, searchable by meeting type and date. Audio recordings for some of the

more recent meetings are also now available for download through the site (though recordings can still be requested by filling out the Application for Inspection & Copying of Public Records which is also available on the website).

Another new feature on the site is the MHD RSS feed. If you use an RSS reader, you can subscribe to the MHD RSS feed to receive alerts about upcoming meetings.

MHD is continuing to work on the website so keep checking for new features, updates and information.

MHD to Use Blog as Q&A Forum

Submit Transition Questions Online

MHD CEO Lee Domanico invites MGH employees to post their questions on his blog at marinhd.wordpress.com. Questions can be posted in the comments section and Domanico will post responses on the blog. Questions can be submitted anonymously.

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