

# Marin Healthcare District Newsletter

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Dear Marin Healthcare District Residents,

Happy New Year! We are less than six months away from Marin General Hospital's return to community governance and I am proud to report that we are on track and on schedule to meet our goals. One of the major benchmarks reached this month was the unanimous approval of the MGH Bylaws by the MHD Board.

As we approach the transfer date, we will continue to make every effort to answer questions from residents and employees. Please do not hesitate to contact MHD at [info@marinhealthcare.org](mailto:info@marinhealthcare.org).

Sincerely,  
Lee Domanico  
Chief Executive Officer

## MGH Bylaws Approved Unanimously

Over the last year, MHD has carefully crafted and deliberated over the MGH Bylaws. MHD consulted with community leaders, legal, operational and medical experts, among others, to develop a comprehensive and balanced set of Bylaws that will guide the MGH Corp. Board in successfully managing MGH. The Bylaws were reviewed and commented on during public Board meetings by Board members, community members and members of the MGH staff.

During the January Regular Board meeting, Dr. Kerry Davidson, MGH Chief-of-Staff, represented the MGH physicians and spoke in support of Bylaws that would provide a good foundation of governance for MGH. In addition to Dr. Davidson, more than 20 MGH physicians also attended the meeting and voiced their support. Input was also heard from community members and leaders. Upon hearing the comments from constituents and discussion regarding a proposed amendment, the Tenth Restatement of Bylaws of MGH was approved unanimously by the MHD Board.

The bylaws reflect:

- Community participation in governance - MGH will be a true community hospital.
- An experience-based board that will govern MGH operations effectively.

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- A balance between public oversight and accountability with private governance through community leaders.
- Requirements for quality, service, growth and financial performance.
- A foundation for stable governance that offers an appropriate balance of authority between the public parent and the private operating subsidiary.
- Governance concerns and priorities expressed by physicians, nurses, employees and community members.

The full text of the approved Bylaws can be found on MHD's website at [www.marinhealthcare.org](http://www.marinhealthcare.org).

## Committee Assignments

### MHD Committee Members Appointed by MHD Board Chair

During this month's Regular Board Meeting, MHD Board Chair Dr. Larry Bedard appointed new members to the Management, Finance and Audit Committee and the Lease and Building Committee. Jennifer Rienks, Ph.D., will serve as the Chair of the Management, Finance and Audit Committee and will be joined by Dr. Harris Simmonds. Sharon Jackson, MBA, will serve as the Chair of the Lease and Building Committee and will be joined by Dr. James Clever.

## MGH Employee Meetings

### MHD CEO Meets with MGH Employees

With Sutter's assistance, MHD CEO Lee Domanico held direct meetings with employees this month. Five meetings were held on January 13 and another five were held on January 20. Additional employee meetings will be scheduled in the coming months.

## Sutter Assures Information Technology Continuity During Transition

### IT Network to Stay On After Transition

Earlier this year, MHD CEO Lee Domanico met with Dr. Martin Brotman, Sutter Regional President (West Bay region) to discuss IT continuity during the transition. Though MHD has contracted with Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS) to provide IT services, and anticipates the new system will go live on June 29th, Dr. Brotman graciously offered to provide a second layer of assurance that the transition would not cause any interruption in IT-related operations at MGH. Dr. Brotman offered to let the existing Sutter system continue running if needed at transition. Dr. Brotman assured MHD that Sutter's IT system would stay in place after the transition to ensure IT continuity. Dr. Brotman offered his assurances that Sutter would work with MHD and ACS to ensure a smooth transition between IT systems.