DISTRICT HEALTH NEWS

Marin Healthcare District. Creating a Healthier Marin Together.

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The Marin Healthcare District (formerly known as Marin Hospital District) was founded in 1945, to build a local hospital and meet the needs of what was then a very rural community. While much of our community is no longer rural, our overarching mission remains the same – to foster the health and wellbeing of the people of Marin. We do this by:

- Making policy decisions regarding healthcare-related issues

- Raising funds to help subsidize our community hospital and healthcare services

- Enabling access to key healthcare resources, including primary and specialty care

- Supporting physician recruitment

- Overseeing the hospital's appointed Board of Directors, its growth and advancement. (Hospital administration and operations are overseen by the Marin General Hospital Board of Directors)

- Rebuilding Marin General Hospital into a state-of-the-art facility to ensure continued access to high quality hospital services

The Marin Healthcare District, which encompasses all of Marin with the exception of Novato, is a state-chartered agency that is fully accountable to the voters and residents we serve.

In order for the Marin Healthcare District to understand and address Marin's healthcare needs, we must foster transparency and open communication with the community. To this end, we hold open meetings so community members can ask questions and share concerns. Information on upcoming public meetings is posted on our website, **www.marinhealthcare.org**.

In addition to the latest information on District meetings, the site contains financial reports, our latest news, and a health education center with quizzes, videos and wellness tips. There are also links to local physician offices, and a find a doctor tool so you can get connected with the physician that's right for you.

We hope you will visit our site, come to a public meeting, and share your thoughts on ways we can work together to improve healthcare in Marin.

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New Hospital Funding Update and Progress Report

In November of 2013, voters in the Marin Healthcare District authorized $394M in General Obligation (GO) Bonds to construct a new hospital building (MGH 2.0) that will comply with latest seismic safety requirements. The District issued $170M of those bonds in November of 2015, receiving a credit rating of Aa2 from Moody's in October 2015, with an effective interest rate of 3.83 percent.

Recently, six community members were appointed by the District Board to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, which will monitor the use of funds from bond proceeds. The committee's role is to represent, advocate and promote the interest of District taxpayers and keep the public informed about the allocation of funds. Committee meetings will be held quarterly for the duration of the project, approximately four years. We take stewardship of these funds very seriously, and we are accountable for every dollar spent. We are confident that both our team and our processes ensure the money is spent efficiently and carefully to enhance healthcare services for the residents of Marin.

Committee Members:

Steven Dely

Jonathan Frieman, JD

Leslie Lava

George Lula

Jeffrey Tsai

Paul Violich

Meetings are open to the public. Details can be found at www.marinhealthcare.org/meeting

Project Expenditures to Date

Total expenditures for the MGH 2.0 project as of December 31, 2015 are noted as follows:

- Expenditures to date: $49.6M
- 2015 Fiscal Year Expenditures: $34.3M
  - $33.6M came from bonds
  - $22.3M for construction expenses related to the new towers for MGH 2.0
  - $11.3M for expenses related to the new parking garage

COMING SOON!

June – The new parking lot will be completed

July – Ground breaking for the new hospital towers

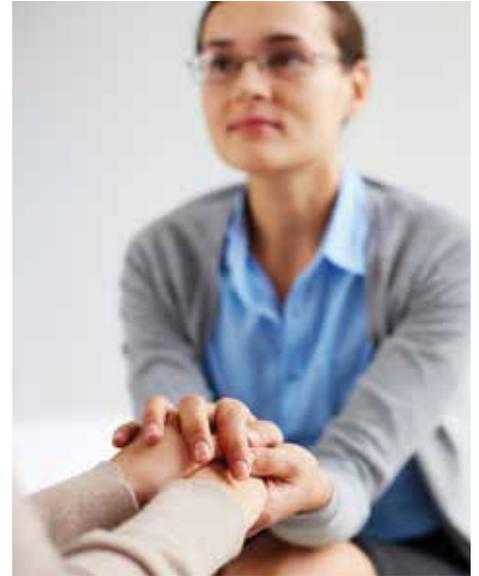## For updates and information visit: www.mgh2.org

New Main Entrance

Putting Behavioral Health at the Top of the Agenda

In the past, Marin Healthcare District community health grants have gone to a variety of worthy community organizations with a track record of making a real difference. Whereas last year's grants targeted a combination of senior and mental health programs, over the next two years, the District has decided to focus specifically on mental health services at Marin General Hospital. We will be awarding the hospital $200,000 per year to improve mental health services for county residents and reduce mental health related emergency care and hospitalizations. As the only provider of inpatient psychiatric care in Marin County, Marin General Hospital is in a unique position to build a high-quality, comprehensive behavioral health program for the community. This means tackling several pressing issues:

- A high turnover rate for psychiatrists in the hospital's behavioral health program due to an outdated and impractical coverage model.

- Lack of access to mental health care for low-income patients. Few psychiatrists currently take insurance and most people simply cannot afford to pay the typical $300 - $400 rate per visit.

- Primary care physicians handling mental health needs due to the high cost and lack of available psychiatric care.

The Marin Healthcare District will be helping to fund the implementation of a new model for the behavioral health program at Marin General Hospital. Our goals are to stabilize inpatient services, expand intensive outpatient services, and empower the hospital to recruit and retain excellent psychiatrists. In order to provide the community with access to psychiatrists who take insurance, we will either fund the opening of a new Marin Healthcare District Medical Care Center (see list of current locations on back) or place psychiatrists in some of our existing centers. In addition, we will be supporting the creation of much-needed substance abuse and adolescent programs.

Marin Healthcare District Community Health Grants for 2015

In November of 2015, the Marin Healthcare District Board awarded $200,000 in community health grants to six local community organizations.

Organization	Project Title	Grant Amount
Marin Villages	Transition to Home	$20,000
Jewish Family and Children's Services	Seniors at Home: Aging in Place	$50,000
LITA (Love is the Answer)	Volunteer Recruitment and Placement Program	$10,000
Canal Alliance	Behavioral Health Program for Low-Income Latino Immigrants	$50,000
Marin Senior Coordinating Council (Whistlestop)	Jackson Café: Healthy Aging Through Access to Proper Nutrition	$20,000
West Marin Senior Services	Rural West Marin Senior Programs	$50,000

For 2016 and 2017 grant funds have been committed to Marin General Hospital for mental health services. More information about the Marin Healthcare District Community Health Grant Program can be found at www.marinhealthcare.org/grants.

The Right Care, Right Where You Live

Whether you're looking for a family physician or a specialist, there's no need to leave Marin to find an excellent doctor. We've made every effort to attract top-notch physicians to the Marin Healthcare District Medical Care Centers, so our community has easy access to a full range of quality care. All offices are administered and maintained by the District, for the benefit of the people of Marin.

Marin Healthcare District Medical Care Centers: Now Accepting Patients!

Primary Care
Marin Internal Medicine
North Marin Internal Medicine
San Rafael Medical Center
Tamalpais Internal Medicine
West Marin Medical Center

Specialty Care
Cardiovascular Center of Marin
Marin Endocrine Center
North Bay Urology
Sirona Vascular Center

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- Call **1-415-275-3388**
- Go to **marinhealthcare.org** and click on **Find a Doctor**

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If you are looking for affordable insurance, you can get started at:

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