



New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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QUICK LOOK AT OUR PROGRESS

- **GEOTECHNICAL STUDY:** The final report and analysis of hospital property should be delivered this week. A preliminary peek into the report gives us some good news about liquefaction. This is the process during an earthquake in which some soil can turn into jelly (to use a non-scientific term), resulting in extensive property damage. The good news is that the ground beneath the surface of our hospital property appears to be solid and less prone to liquefaction. However, the final report will help us better understand the best and safest location for the footprint of the hospital.
- **BOND SALES:** Samaritan Health Services is on track with selling revenue bonds to generate low-cost financing for various system-wide construction projects, including the all new and improved Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital building and campus.
- **CONSTRUCTION TRAILER:** The modular building north of the maintenance shop, which had contained the transcription and community health offices, is being converted for use as the construction office. Work is nearly completed.
- **COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Many of the “movers and shakers” in our community were invited to meet Mark Bauer, our new North Lincoln Hospital Foundation director, at a social gathering at The Eventuary this past weekend. Mark and the foundation staff members will be instrumental in finding philanthropic ways for our neighbors and friends to be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime project: the building of our new community hospital!

OPERATIONAL TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

After the kick-off/onboarding meeting on Oct. 26, the larger group broke down into five smaller platform teams to explore inpatient services, women’s services, interventional services, outpatient services and short-stay services. Their goal? To define the ideal customer experience, brainstorm innovations, streamline the workflow and identify potential pilot projects.

Helping guide this exploration is the understanding and use of “lean process improvement.” The core idea behind lean process is to maximize customer value while minimizing waste in all its forms. This can include waste of motion, waste of inventory, waste of time, waste of employee creativity, and others. With this in mind, the platform teams were given the task of evaluating processes in their assigned areas by identifying the “pain points” (things that hinder a process) and “successes” (things that are done well in a process). The five platform teams will report on their findings at meetings planned for Nov. 16-17.

VISION FOR THE NEW SAMARITAN NORTH LINCOLN HOSPITAL

To create a world-class, award-winning, community-centered rural hospital campus that will challenge conventional expectations, be patient- and family-centric, flexible, scalable and reflective of our local culture. We envision a state-of-the-art hospital campus that exemplifies excellence and is environmentally conscious, sustainable, timeless and mission-driven.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THIS UPDATE OR THE NEW HOSPITAL PROJECT?

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