

New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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Balancing act

Chris Lemar, SNLH Plant Engineering director, and Klint Peterson, SHS senior project manager, are just two of the Samaritan employees most responsible for the daily work of producing our beautiful new hospital on time and under budget! No pressure there, eh? As you can imagine, it's a delicate balancing act to...

- Maintain the existing and aging hospital building to appropriate standards, without spending too much labor and money on a building that will be torn down in about 16 months.
- Coordinate all workers (SNLH, SHS, Skanska Building, HGA Architects & Engineers, subcontractors, city inspectors, state regulators, etc.) and manage complicated project schedules so that everything gets done correctly, in the right order, at the right time.
- Purchase costly medical and technology equipment now and store it for several months, to avoid potentially higher prices later.
- Allocate Samaritan resources (meaning, people!) between the large hospital construction/remodeling project in Newport and our own replacement hospital project here, especially during the tricky process of transitioning into the new buildings once they are complete.

Planning the move from the old to the new

Speaking of transitioning, several senior leaders from the system and the site attended an informative session here at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in mid-October. Departments that will be involved in some way with the move from our old building into the new one, such as Information Systems, Patient Services, Marketing & Public Relations, Foundation, Administration, Quality Management, Project Management, Finance, Materials Management, Professional Development and Clinical Engineering, were represented.

After hearing a thorough recap of the project, from beginning to present, the group viewed floor plans of the new building and exterior/interior renderings, and received answers to their questions and concerns. A primary purpose of the meeting was to inform Samaritan leaders of the delicate balancing act that is at



play and to assure everyone's assistance when it comes time to move. Currently, the projected completion date for the transition – which includes training, orientation to the new site, licensure process and the actual physical move – is Feb. 3, 2020.

Foundation, MEP work continues

Installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) remains on schedule, with permanent power hookup set for Nov. 9. Concrete pours for the foundation footings are on schedule, too, and the first of the massive concrete slab pour is planned for Friday, Nov. 16, weather permitting.

In photo: Crews at work near the northwest corner.