



## New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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### **NEW HOSPITAL FOOTPRINT ANNOUNCED**

After weeks of strategic analysis and discussion, there is agreement on the best path to take for our new hospital project. On April 6, the committee (comprised of architects, designers, planners, builders and administrators) selected the one plan they believe will deliver a patient-centered, efficient and safe new facility to our community, as promised, while keeping the cost under budget.

As envisioned in this plan, the new Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital will be an all-new one-story building of approximately 46,300 square feet. It will be located on the site of the existing main parking lot and near the helipad. The new main entrance will face northwest, with the main driveway coming off of West Devils Lake Road. Once the new hospital is built, the old hospital building will be demolished and a parking lot constructed at that location.

The new hospital will have a smaller footprint with more efficient and flexible use of space than the existing hospital offers. This means our hospital beds will have multiple purposes – intensive care, medical/surgical or maternity – depending on need. This will allow us to have fewer beds that are used more often to avoid having empty hospital beds. This will help to enhance our efficiency and lessen expenses.

The remaining buildings on the property, including medical office buildings and the Health Professions Education Center, likely will stay in place. Some will be upgraded and some will be repurposed for use by administration and other outpatient services. All will contribute to a unified hospital campus.

As with most plans, it is a work in progress subject to change as new information develops. That said, it is truly thrilling to have a decision and a direction. Full speed ahead!

### **NEXT STEPS**

- One of the next steps down this path is to present an update of the selected plan to the Samaritan Health Services Board of Directors for approval. This update will include location of building, driveways and parking lots, construction timelines, cost, and more.
- HGA Architects and Engineers will develop a final master plan and then begin work on the schematic design. As part of this process, HGA will begin programming meetings near the end of April and hold a “3P” event in May. A schematic drawing, showing locations of departments within the hospital, should be completed by the end of June. Keep in mind that the designers will need a lot of input from our resident subject matter experts (that is, all of you!) concerning the specifics of department layouts, so you will see many meetings scheduled for this purpose.
- As part of the programming phase, a medical equipment planner will survey existing medical equipment and determine which will be relocated. Other experts will be consulted, including those for food service, civil engineering, wayfinding, mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

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

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