



New Samaritan hospital coming to Lincoln City

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TRANSFORMING FROM OLD TO NEW

The most recent project update a few weeks ago created a bit of a stir – which is bound to happen when new and uncommon ideas are discussed. After all, change is difficult.

The stated vision of the new Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital is:

“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.”

In other words, the new hospital will not look, feel or function like the old hospital, which is a good thing! This hospital has served the community very well for the past 50 years. Now, we have the opportunity to recreate the building to meet the health care needs of the next generation. It’s exciting to be part of such a transformational project.

The new facility is being designed specifically for Lincoln City, focused on the patient and family, and with much input from staff and guidance by experts. It will not be just an updated version of our existing building. In our new hospital, departments will be located close to each other, all spaces will have purpose, and there will be an increased emphasis on patient care and comfort.

The one constant and familiar piece in this process of transformation are the people – the staff who invariably give their best to their patients and their work. Imagine how much easier it will be for these same staff members to work together as a team to deliver excellent patient care, after barriers such as awkward work spaces, long hallways and isolated departments are removed.

SPACE PLANNING CONTINUES

In a series of recent meetings, large groups of frontline staff discussed their specific space needs with members of the HGA-Skanska design-build team, who listened, learned and compiled an extensive spreadsheet of requests. Since then, an executive team has been meeting to review these requests, with decisions being driven by three unbendable factors: what is considered “best practice” for critical access hospitals, Oregon laws and regulations, and the \$35 million budget.

Once space use is determined and approved, including the actual number of inpatient rooms, the design team can get back to the drawing board, literally, to begin work on a schematic plan. We can’t wait to see what beautiful design the architects will create for us!

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

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