

Marin Healthcare District Newsletter

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Dear MHD Residents,

We continue to make progress towards the successful transition of Marin General Hospital. This month, I'm proud to report that we are beginning negotiations with an architectural firm for a seismically upgraded MGH. Through a stringent selection process, we decided to partner with Lee Burkhart Liu.

The July 14 meeting featured heavier community attendance than average. Several community members offered their input on the future architectural design of MGH. Community members also voiced support for keeping MGH revenues in Marin County.

Sincerely,
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Selecting an Architect

MHD Starts Negotiations with Lee Burkhart Liu

The State of California requires seismic safety upgrades to all California hospitals. During the July 14 District Board meeting, Domanico was authorized by the MHD Board to begin negotiations with Lee Burkhart Liu (LBL), the architectural firm selected to design the upgrades to MGH.

LBL specializes in healthcare facilities and has worked on seismic safety projects throughout California. LBL has worked on El Camino Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, among other hospitals, medical centers and health system campuses.

LBL presented initial designs for the upgraded MGH, outlining its vision for a cost-efficient construction schedule and a flexible design that takes immediate and long-term facility needs into consideration.

For more information about LBL and its approach, visit Domanico's blog at <http://marinhd.wordpress.com>.

Response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury

On Track for a Successful Transfer

MHD has formulated and approved a formal response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury report. As part of preparation for the transition, the District has sought out top-level advice from healthcare and financial consultants. Their findings support the District's belief that the most viable option for preserving MGH's financial future is a transfer of governance back to the community. MHD will put into place new Hospital Board performance metrics that will enhance transparency, performance and accountability at MGH.

We are confident that with the community's continued support and continued guidance from the District's Transition team, MGH can prosper as a community-governed hospital. Readers may have seen recent news

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articles about transfers of MGH revenues. As a community hospital in every sense of the word, MGH's excess earnings would be reinvested in the hospital and not transferred out of the community.

We look forward to MGH's continued success.

Agreement with California Nurses Association

MHD approves agreement until 2011

MHD has approved an agreement between MGH and the California Nurses Association. The agreement retroactively applies to August 29, 2008 and is valid until July 6, 2011. The agreement is commensurate with industry and state standards.

Transition Funding

MHD Financials in Good Shape

The Management, Finance and Administration Committee presented very good news after reviewing the May financial reports. The Committee reported that MHD will have \$3.8 million left in the budget for the remaining month in the fiscal year. The Committee also reported that draws on the County Line of Credit have totaled only \$3.75 million out of a total budget of \$8 million. Contributions from the MGH Foundation have not been required. MHD remains well funded to complete the transition. MHD will continue to spend budget prudently and wisely.

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