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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

It's been a couple of months since our last Facility Master Plan update and a lot has happened in that time. While some changes have occurred behind the scenes, each step has been taken with intention and a focus on keeping this important project moving forward.

Leadership Update

Since our last update, we officially welcomed Jay Christensen into the role of Chief Executive Officer. Jay has been part of the LCHC team for the past six years, previously serving as our Chief Financial Officer. He has jumped into the CEO role head-first and brings valuable experience, including leading an organization through a major construction project in the past. We're excited to have Jay at the wheel as we move into this next phase of planning.



Architect Transition

We also experienced a shift with our architect firm. After working with our previous firm for more than three years, internal changes within that organization prompted us to step back and reevaluate our approach. Our team took this as an opportunity to revisit our goals and invite fresh perspectives, ultimately requesting new project proposals from three firms.

After thoughtful discussion, we are excited to share that we are now working with BWBR, an Omaha-based architectural firm. While changing firms can feel daunting, BWBR has jumped in quickly and brought new energy and ideas to the table. Our team met with them for the first time a couple of weeks ago, and we're encouraged by their vision and enthusiasm for the project.

Keeping the Timeline Moving

There is some added pressure to keep things moving as efficiently as possible, as we are aiming to submit our USDA application in early summer. While timelines always evolve, our focus remains on staying as close to the original schedule as possible.

What You'll See On Campus

Patients, visitors, and staff may begin noticing surveyors on site in the coming weeks as they complete the topographic study. You'll spot small tripods, like the one pictured above, around the property. It's simple equipment, but a very real sign that this project is continuing to move forward.

Financial Projections Approved

At the January 27 Board of Directors meeting, the board approved Eide Bailey to complete the Reviewed Projections required for the USDA application. This is an important step in the overall process and keeps us aligned with upcoming deadlines.

Next Steps

We had hoped to share early design concepts in the February newsletter; however, with the new architectural partnership and layout discussions underway, we want to ensure we have a clearer picture of what the project will look like before sharing visuals. Please know that we do plan to share designs soon.

In addition, we are planning to host community forums to help educate the public about the project, the need it addresses, and how it will support patient care now and into the future. More information on those opportunities will be shared as plans are finalized.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we take these important steps forward. The progress may not always be visible day-to-day, but the momentum is very real and exciting.

