



# SWING

(South Wing Information, News and Goings-on)

*A monthly update for employees, physicians and volunteers as LMH prepares to care for South-Wing patients*

## *The keys are in hand*

**Construction has concluded:** After 12 years of planning and the past few of construction, LMH is now the proud holder of the keys to the South Wing. As planned, the construction crews officially turned over the keys to LMH on Nov. 9, so LMH could begin preparing the South Wing prior to getting licensed by the state to provide care. The whole project came in on time, on budget and without injury.



*In the lobby, chairs await their new homes*

**The fit up begins:** Since Nov. 9, 90 patient beds have been moved in to the 30 rooms on the second, third and fourth floors. Housekeeping has been making the rooms patient ready and will make many more sweeps through the South Wing before the state comes to license and before patients are seen in the beds. Office furniture is in the South Wing offices, and chairs are in the waiting areas. New computers are being hooked up. A new, more robust phone system has been inaugurated house wide. Among the items moved in last week: 90 sleeperchairs, 90 high-back patient chairs, 90 low-back patient chairs and 90 guest chairs. You'll also see 63 IV pump brains, 80 pump modules and 70 IV poles.

## *Staff, MDs, volunteers, clergy tour*



*Wanda Ketcherside orients student nurses*

**Walk-throughs are taking place:** Orientation tours of staff, volunteers, physicians and clergy have been visiting the South Wing. Most are in awe of the facility and many are surprised at the sheer size of it all. For those who haven't yet had a chance to tour, contact the LMH Education Department to sign up.



*The North Wing gets refaced, as seen from the Healing Garden*

**The North Wing gets painted:** If you haven't noticed, the North Wing was power washed and is getting a new coat of paint to mirror the colors on the South Wing. The teal, rust and sand hues have gone a long way to making the North and South Wings look like they were made for each other.

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*Third floor atrium*

**The art is hanging:** The art pieces in the South Wing were painted or sculpted by local artists, all of whom welcomed the opportunity to be part of the healing process that takes place at LMH. All of them graciously offered their pieces to LMH well below the market value so their works could contribute to the LMH staff's important work.



*IT's Charlie Sison works in a patient room*

**The funding continues:** All of the South Wing construction and the patient-care items that are contained in the South Wing were budgeted for and funded three years ago. The entire project cost was \$187.5 million. \$150 million of that came from bonds secured by LMH. At the time of the bond procurement, all of the construction and items contained in the South Wing had to be ordered and accounted for. Another \$20 million for the project is slated to come from the LMH Foundation's capital campaign, which is still ongoing. The remainder was budgeted to come from operations.

**On the operational side:** Lab, diagnostics, dietary, housekeeping, physical therapy, central supply, communications, education, volunteers, information technology, the hospitalists, facilities management, discharge planning, social workers, case workers and many other departments have been developing their operational plans and budgets to care for patients at West and both wings at the east campus. It's definitely all hands on deck as Med/Surg moves into the 90 new beds. For now ICU and OB remain where they are, but LMH expects to be in continual stages of planning and/or construction until 2030, by which time the entire hospital will be rebuilt, and the South Wing will be the oldest wing in the hospital.



*IT's Kyle at the nurses' station set up myriad patient rooms*

**Key dates to come:** Right now, it looks as if folks will want to cross their fingers that the Dec. 14 date the state is set to come for its licensing visit stays on track and goes well. Following a state okay, LMH plans to move patients into beds one floor at a time, probably a day at a time. That should begin Dec. 21. Admissions is scheduled to begin moving into its new offices on the first floor of the South Wing beginning Dec. 18, and they also plan to be operational on Dec. 21. The Gift Shop will move into its new spot in the new lobby starting the second week of December. The ED is expected to move in February, and the Urgent Care Clinic will move shortly thereafter.



*IT staffers setting up on the second floor nurses' station. In all, 170 new computers went in to the South Wing*