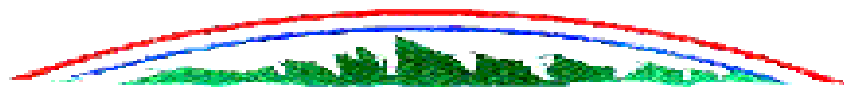


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Aloha Dear Friends of WMIF's West Maui Medical Facility:

We are writing you to update you on where we are with our ongoing efforts to bring a West Maui Medical Facility and access to Acute Emergency Care within the Golden Hour to West Maui.

We have attached a recent article in the Honolulu Advertiser on July 26, 2007, calling for everyone to "resume the push for Maui medical services."

At this time, our West Maui Medical Facility Environmental Assessment Study has been finalized and submitted to the Maui Planning Department for scheduling another hearing the end of August. By the end of September we hope to have the favorable approval of the Maui Planning Department forwarded to the County Council Land Use Committee for another hearing and their unanimous recommendation to the Council as a whole to approve our Community Plan Amendment, Boundary Change and Zoning entitlement for our 14.9 acre West Maui Medical Facility site.

We expect full entitlements by the End of October and subsequently sending out "Request for Proposals" to the medical development community which has been following our plans and progress for the past 6 years. We have several very qualified investment groups and medical professionals who have stated that they are "ready, willing and able," to offer our West Side Community their expertise and commitment to meet the growing challenges associated with a myriad of medical needs in our community.

We are excited and enthusiastic about our progress and the recent determination by the Internal Revenue Service to re-state our

exemption from Federal Tax 501-C-3 Status and reclassify the WMIF from private foundation status to "Public Charity" status.

The last paragraph of the recent article in the Honolulu Advertiser said "What's critical is that the medical professionals, as well as the community that will support it financially, have a voice in its development. This needs to be a facility directed from the home front."

It has always been our goal to be able to "set the stage" for lifesaving medical services by getting land entitled and zoned to be properly permitted by professional medical service providers. We are almost there on the last lap and we have also incurred financial obligations accordingly. We need approximately \$95,000.00 to complete this task. We urgently need new financial contributions to meet these obligations. If you have donated to us in the past, we ask you to please consider another donation to get us over the last hurdle facing us.

We are calling for everyone who has an interest in making our life saving medical facility a reality in West Maui to step up to the task of making a financial contribution at this time. How much is your life worth? Please do not delay and send your tax deductible contribution to us today!

Your volunteer board has been working without financial remuneration for six years and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. That is a phenomenal devotion and commitment being made to the community. Ask yourself what you can do to help complete this race towards lifesaving care.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. We are counting on you!  
Mahalo! Joseph D. Pluta, President

**Let's resume push for Maui medical services**

The news that the group backing the proposed Malulani Health & Medical Center ceased operations was no surprise. The plan failed to win the state support it needed.

There's hope, however, that the upheaval over this proposal has re-energized the push to improve medical services for Maui's outlying communities. Most of this energy is powering a plan for a medical facility on 14.9 acres that primarily would serve West Maui. Kaanapali Land Management Corp. would donate the land.

The state-run Maui Memorial Medical Center, which had been at odds with Malulani over its full-scale hospital plan, is hoping to find a partner to develop the new, privately owned facility.

As it's now envisioned, the facility would focus on acute-care services — desperately needed by residents who make long trips to Maui Memorial through a main highway, an artery occasionally closed by accidents.

It also would provide other "ancillary"

services that would help its owners cover the high acute-care expenses, but it's unclear what those might be. It's promising to see positive movement.

The Valley Isle is growing so fast that it's hard to imagine it couldn't support two full-scale hospitals. However, creating a complementary facility that could later expand to meet growing demands could achieve the same goal.

Political powers seem to be aligning behind this idea, with the County Council moving to expedite the process of changing land-use, community-plan and zoning maps for the project. The Planning Commission may have the final environmental assessment on the project by the end of summer; advocates for the project should keep the pressure on so that no momentum is lost.

What's critical is that the medical professionals, as well as the community that will support it financially, have a voice in its development. This needs to be a facility directed from the home front.

Posted in Thursday, July 26, 2007  
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