



Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo

A Kaleida Health Facility

June Update: Plans Continue To Gain Momentum

Clinical, operational and municipal planning highlights recent progress for the physician-led plan to build a new medical office building and new hospital on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC). This includes:

- Inpatient tower plans – The hospital's Physician Strategic Planning Committee and the architect, Shepley Bulfinch, continue to vet clinical planning, program design, building massing and access issues. Along with the physician committee, twenty six user groups are now engaged in the project, all unified in the goal of producing a plan for new ambulatory space and a new hospital.
- Medical office building – Ciminelli Real Estate is moving toward final site approval for their new building at Main and High Streets. They are working on schematic design with key tenants University at Buffalo (UB) and Kaleida Health, with plans to begin site work in August. Ciminelli Real Estate is also coordinating architectural and engineering plans with the two adjacent projects, the new Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo as well as the new medical school for UB.
- City planning – The City of Buffalo Planning Board has approved the Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo environmental impact statement (EIS). At the May meeting, the Board also discussed initial building massing, floor plates and hospital access for the new building. Official site plan approval for the inpatient tower project is the next milestone to reach.
- Certificate of Need – Later this month, Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo will officially submit its Certificate of Need (CON) with the New York State Department of Health. The CON process is the state regulatory process that governs among other things, construction and renovation of health care facilities; much like the plan for a new Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo Hospital.
- Community outreach – Hospital officials continue to meet with dozens of neighbors, business leaders and block clubs as part of the planning process. **The next two community meeting are scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. @ Women & Children's Hospital and Wednesday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus offices, 640 Ellicott Street.**

About the Projects

Expanded services at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, along with continued trends of patients receiving care in an ambulatory setting, were major factors considered by the Physician-led Steering Committee while reviewing previous campus plans (Hodge Avenue) and developing its proposal for the BNMC location.

The Physician-led Steering Committee has completed work with Sg2, an internationally known health care analytics organization, to forecast the WNY market and future trends of pediatric and women's care. This committee is working with Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott of Boston, MA, one of the country's top pediatric healthcare architects, to design the new Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo inpatient tower and the interior space of Kaleida Health's space within the adjacent medical office building.

Construction of the medical office building at Main and High Streets is expected to begin after site remediation in 2012 with a time line for construction completion of 18 months. Ciminelli Real Estate (the developer) is proposing to build approximately 500,000 sq. ft. of environmentally friendly medical office space (including underground parking), 85,000 sq. ft. of which will be Kaleida Health space and the ambulatory care center. The ambulatory care center will serve children and adults.

Physician-Led Steering Committee

The hospital's Physician-led Steering Committee is comprised of more than four dozen physicians, representing a broad section of the community, including University and private practice. It is led by Teresa Quattrin, M.D., UB Distinguished Professor, A Conger Goodyear Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, State University of New York at Buffalo, and Pediatrician-in-Chief, Chief of the Division of Diabetes/Endocrinology, Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.