Community Meeting March 1, 2014

Responses to the Prince George’s County Residents

Regional Medical Center Service

As of June 10, 2014, the Certificate of Need (CON) for the Regional Medical Center has not yet been approved. Therefore, the design for the Regional Medical Center has not yet begun. As we were informed by the Regional Director for HOK (an architectural design firm) and the Project Principal for the proposed Prince George’s Regional Medical Center at Largo Town Center, the review process and final design can take up to 18 months.

All of the questions pertaining to the design of the Regional Medical Center, and the services you have requested to be included in it, have been forwarded to the University of Maryland Medical System.

Prince George’s County residents will be invited to another communitywide meeting in early 2015, at which time there will be an update regarding the new Regional Medical Center.

Community Outreach

One of the Health Department’s core missions is to ensure that our county residents are knowledgeable regarding health, wellness, and preventative care.

This is accomplished in a number of ways, including participation in community events, speaking at public forums, providing informative literature specific to all diseases and illnesses, participation in school activities, and many other forms of communications.

Questions and concerns regarding the Affordable Care Act may be addressed to the County’s Department of Social Services the County’s Health Department and the County’s website, www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.
Workforce

A major area to be addressed in the Primary Healthcare Strategic Plan is an examination of the composition of the County’s healthcare workforce of the future. We want to ensure that we have well-trained, customer-focused employees to provide care for our residents, in all aspects of the integrated healthcare delivery system, whether medical, dental, and/or behavioral. Recommendations for the projected workforce will be communicated at our next community meeting.

Primary Care/Larger Community Strategy

The needs of the elderly and the Federally Qualified Health Centers and the Federally Qualified Health Center look-alikes are being discussed and closely monitored as we move forward with the Primary Healthcare Strategic Plan.

A factor to be considered in the determination of the location of primary care sites will be access by public and private modes of transportation. The Primary Healthcare Strategic Plan will be based upon the concepts of building healthy neighborhoods that include establishments which promote healthy eating, fitness, and, in general, support healthy living. We look forward to sharing more information with you at our next meeting!

Stay tuned for date and time for our next community meeting in early 2015.