



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

July 2010

The User Group Meetings currently underway are meetings that different services or sections have to discuss space layout, flow of patients, equipment needed, and any special considerations needed to provide safe care to our Veterans. These discussions include size of rooms, where each room should be located, and then the furnishings, equipment and fixtures for those rooms. Members of the task forces represent a variety of services and stakeholders. A few examples include security, parking, landscaping, room standardization, signage, art, lounges, training rooms, and many more. If you would like to be on a task force please contact Marcie Chase at (303) 370-7508.

June User Group Meetings have just concluded. A new wave of enthusiasm was exhibited as users started identifying what equipment and furnishings would be in each room. Each service was asked to identify the equipment and furnishings for each room in the service – offices, exam rooms, x-ray rooms, surgery rooms, etc. The Joint Venture Team has hired CPI, Inc to assist in the development of a master list of all of these items that will be the basis for the Project Eagle Team to use to activation of the building. Part of activation is the actual furnishing and equipping of the building to get it ready to open. This list will also be used by the architects to create drawings of the floors and walls for the next round of meetings.

The next round of User Group Meetings is scheduled to start the week of July 19th and last until August 6th. This round of meetings will include a review of room layouts and interior elevations (wall cabinets and wall equipment locations).

The building layout north of 17th Place is still being developed. The Community Living Center (formerly called Nursing Home Unit) is being redesigned to meet new VA criteria. This will affect the footprint of the building, which forces other structures in that area to be rearranged. The parking garage for employees has been redesigned to make it more efficient as well. Other potential buildings on the north side of 17th Place include a new Fisher House and a PTSD residential house (awaiting congressional approval for FY 11).

As always, please direct your questions or concerns to me at (303) 393-5205, or jordan.schupbach@va.gov.

Respectfully,

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