



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

# PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

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The last two months have been very busy for the Joint Venture Team, Kiewit-Turner, and the Medical Center project staff. The remodeling of the former UPI Building is progressing. The east end of the building is the area of most notable activity. An additional elevator and set of stairs is being added due to the potential number of occupants in the building given all the conference rooms and training areas. A large pile of dirt is amassed on the southern part of the campus from the excavation necessary to install these items.

Another major effort has been the development of signage and way finding strategies. For example, the North Entrance will be marked with the flags of all of the Services while the South Entrance will be marked with the symbols of the Services. If an employee is trying to help a patient find their way, they may ask them *"Did you come in the flag entrance or the symbol entrance?"* These types of details will help the campus be more easily navigated, and instructions for different areas easier to understand.

And finally, there have been multiple user group meetings to design and plan the Community Living Center (CLC) that will be on the north of 17<sup>th</sup> Place. This is a 30 bedroom unit and will be very different from our current CLC. There will be 3 pods of 10 resident rooms each with its own living room, dining room, den, and kitchen area. 2 of the pods will be on the first floor and the 3<sup>rd</sup> pod will be on second floor. The goal is to make the environment very home-like since the CLC is intended to function as a transitional area from hospital to home. There is also a community center within the CLC with areas for social functions and group activities. Outdoor space is being reserved for gardens and patios so the residents can enjoy our beautiful Colorado weather. Patients and their families will have the opportunity to cook meals in the kitchen. Nothing like homemade chicken noodle soup! The CLC staff is very excited about this new model of care.

Respectfully,

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