



COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LONG BEACH FOUNDATION

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CHLB Foundation Statement of Facts: 2/12/2019 City Council Special Meeting

Emergency Department

- Between 1996 and 2009, the annual number of emergency department (ED) visits in the United States increased by 51% while the number of EDs nationwide decreased by 6 percent.
- Over 85% of 911 calls in Long Beach are for medical emergencies.
- In 2017, Community Hospital received over 23% of the total number of patients transported by the Long Beach Fire Department.
- The Community Hospital Emergency Department saw approximately 30,000 patients annually, including up to 6,000 behavioral health patients and over 5,000 pediatric patients.
- The closure of the Community Hospital Emergency Department has substantially lengthened transport times for ER patients citywide and has significantly increased wait times at other local hospital emergency departments, with reported wait times of over ten hours now common at our other local facilities.
- A recent study found that patients admitted to hospitals in the vicinity of an ED closure (affected hospitals) experienced 5 percent greater odds of inpatient mortality than patients admitted to unaffected hospitals.
- The American College of Emergency Physicians states: "Seven in ten patients who present at an urgent care facility end up going to the emergency department because their medical problems were too serious to be treated at urgent care."

Psychiatric Services

- The loss of Community Hospital's inpatient psych beds has put significant stress on the City's ability to adequately care for and respond to residents' needs for both inpatient and outpatient mental health services. This psych program also provided appropriate support for the City's homeless population.
- Over 85% of survey respondents stated that ICU/CCU services are a "critical resource" to the community and over 80% stated that behavioral health care services are a critical resource to the residents of Long Beach.

Critical Resource

- Community Hospital is a critical regional resource for Orange County Fire and Paramedics as well as Los Angeles County Fire and Paramedics.
- An independent market research study shows that 91% of residents surveyed believe that Community Hospitals emergency department is a "critical resource" to the community.



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- In accordance with our mission “To seek and provide financial support for Community Hospital Long Beach (CHLB) that will ensure the best possible patient services and health programs in our community,” the CHLB Foundation stands ready to fully support the reopening of Community Hospital Long Beach.
- The Foundation’s primary objective is to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of all of the residents of Long Beach is addressed by the reopening of CHLB and that this objective is the number one priority of our local elected leaders at the municipal, county, state and federal levels.
- The Foundation Board of Directors has approved a gift of one million dollars, in unrestricted funds, to the City of Long Beach to support development costs toward achieving California State approval for the re-operation of an acute care hospital at 1720 Termino Avenue.
- The Foundation will establish a short-term fund to reopen CHLB and solicit community support to reopen the hospital and its acute care services including the emergency department, surgical department, and ICU South and ICU North.
- The Foundation expects to conduct a longer term capital campaign for the seismic retrofitting and historic preservation of the 1924 Heritage Building as an historic state of the art micro acute care facility.
- The Foundation has identified robust streams of public and private funding and will work in partnership with the City of Long Beach to access and secure local, county, state and federal support for the preservation of this critical facility and the life saving services it provides for our community.
- The Foundation is open to a dialogue regarding utilization of its property for the reopening of an acute care hospital which will require the consent and approval of our full board.
- The Foundation fully supports the long-term improvements to the CHLB Campus for inpatient and outpatient care and related services, and is in the best position to facilitate public input and engagement in the master planning process.