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**Regional Solutions Advisory Committee: South Valley/Mid Coast Region  
Meeting Notes**

Thursday, November 5, 2015 12:00 noon – 4:00 PM  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest  
Western University Health Sciences 200 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, OR

*Present: Lee Beyer, Biff Traber, Kitty Piercy, Will Tucker, Jackie Mikalonis, Fred Abousleman, Ed Moore, Mary Camarata, Jae Pudewell, Sean Stevens, Dean Paula Crone, Di Lacey, Dr. Paul Aversano, Marty Cahill, Kelly Odegaard, Ann Buchele, Wes Hare, Gary Marks, Casey Woodard, James LeBar, Melissa Murphy, John McArdle, Nick Fowler, Nate Stice*

**Public Comment** – No public comment was offered during the meeting.

**Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Lunch with Western University**

Senator Lee Beyer convened the meeting and welcome and introductions were facilitated by Commissioner Will Tucker.

Dr. Paul Aversano, Government Relations and Professor of Neurology, led the group on a tour of the medical school and Dr. Paula Crone provided an overview of the campus development in Lebanon and the linkages and collaborative work with the Veteran's Home, Samaritan Health Services, the new conference center, Linn-Benton Community College and others.

The plan highlights the Pacific Northwest campus, and footprints adjacent vacant land where a second building of comparable size is planned in anticipation of an expanding medical school, as well as an Oregon location for other college programs from Western U.

The campus is evolving into a series of program areas with a particular emphasis:

- University Plaza: The location of COMP-Northwest, where other colleges are expected to locate to create a major health professions education center for the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon.
- Hospitality Square: The location of a planned 100 room hotel and adjacent conference center.
- Retail Center: A location for retail stores, including a bookstore, college shops, and restaurants.
- Office Complex: A location for health professional offices, medical research and services firms, and general office space.
- Patriots Place: A 150-bed Oregon Veterans Home, to house and care for Oregon veterans and their families.

The completed campus will have a significant educational, cultural and economic impact across the Willamette Valley and Western Oregon.

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Kelly Odegaard, CEO of the Edward Allworth Oregon Veterans' Home, provided information on the 150 bed home that houses and cares for Oregon families.

Marty Cahill, COO of Good Samaritan Lebanon and CEO Samaritan North Lincoln, provided an in-depth description of Samaritan's piece of the Lebanon development including the conference center, hotel, restaurant, community hospital, medical specialty clinic, and health fitness center.

Ann Buchele, VP of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development at Linn-Benton Community College, provided information on the new 40,000-square-foot training center that will bring LBCC's healthcare programs into one learning space. The center is the first of four projects made possible by the passage of a \$34 million bond last November to improve job-training facilities at the college.

LBCC healthcare programs include nursing, nursing assistant, medical assistant, dental assistant, occupational therapy assistant, diagnostic imaging, phlebotomy, pharmacy technician, and polysomnographic technology.

Ann Buchele noted that currently, the programs are housed at several different locations in Linn County including the Albany campus, the LBCC Lebanon Center, and Lebanon hospital.

Moving the health care programs into the same learning environment will provide greater opportunity for collaboration between programs and sharing of resources for students in health care careers. The move also brings the programs close to Samaritan Health facilities and COMP-Northwest.

Commissioner Tucker highlighted use of tax increment finance, city-county collaboration, tax payer support, and collaborative visioning between several stakeholders.

### **Regional Solutions Update on Wetlands/Industrial Lands Development**

Kirk Jarvie, DSL, provided an update on the 19 site Wetland/Industrial Lands project in the six cities participating in Linn and Benton Counties. Kirk gave an overview of the work the six city consortium (Philomath, Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon, Tangent, and Millersburg) along with Oregon Cascades West COG, and Regional Solutions, including DSL, has accomplished up to this point.

The project has completed the proposed development process and identified avoidance areas and most significantly DSL has issued the Final Approval of the "Advance Aquatic Resource Plan" for the 19 sites. This has streamlined the permit process for the state's piece, which was one of the desired outcomes of the project. The group is still waiting to hear about the streamlining process for the federal part of permitting. The Advisory Committee discussed wetland mitigation factors and challenges with city managers Wes Hare (Albany) and Gary Marks (Lebanon).

Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of OCWCOG, discussed the project's components and moving forward into the mitigation phase as well as discussing opportunities for collaboration with other partners.

**Senator Beyer adjourned the meeting.**