

**Process and Plan  
for the Symmes Advisory Committee (SAC)  
Medical Use Working Group**

The Selectmen have committed to “promoting expanded health care services on the site.” The goal of the medical use working group is to encourage responsible medical use of the existing Symmes property in order to best meet the medical needs of this community. This must be done by an open, transparent and inclusive process as requested by the Symmes Advisory Committee and the Selectmen.

The SAC Medical Use Working Group consists of physicians and lay persons with an interest, and in some cases careers, devoted to health care improvement. We will take advice from all the subcommittees of the SAC, Town Meeting, and other elected officials to help us identify the institutions, businesses, groups, and individuals most likely to have an interest in this endeavor. Final decisions will always ultimately rest with the elected officials of Arlington, and especially the Town Meeting.

We are now trying to ascertain the intentions of Lahey and Health South who already provide medical care on the campus. The first major milestone will be the signing of the purchase and sale. Once the Purchase and Sale agreement is signed, we shall vigorously approach other individuals and groups who might be interested in medical uses of the campus in order to have as much information as possible available to the Town Meeting before they make their decision whether or not to proceed with the purchase.

The second milestone will be the vote of the Town Meeting. If the vote is positive, we shall encourage health care providers to lease space on the Symmes Campus at fair market value and via an arms length transaction. We shall work with the real estate and health care facility experts, selected by the town government, to establish the best plans for meeting the health needs of our community on the Symmes campus.