

SAC Medical Use Working Group
Brief Summary of Interests and Activities

7/2/02

1. Meetings with other institutions to date:
 - Allen Reedy and I met with Lahey CEO, Dr. David Barrett. He did not wish to provide any new services at Symmes. He also wanted no services provided by Lahey duplicated by another institution. In the final agreement with the purchase of the property by the town of Arlington, I believe Lahey must duplicate any service offered by another institution immediately to prevent the other institution from coming into Symmes. This agreement ends 2 years after the property was purchased in April, 2004. (John Maher could be much more specific and lucid about this agreement.)
 - Allen Reedy and I met with Dr. Haddad, CEO of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and Dr. McDonald, Chief of Medicine at St. E's, and Dr. Michael Foley of Arlington. St. E's has no interest in providing any medical services at Symmes.
 - I have met with Jeanette Clough, CEO of Mount Auburn, and chatted with her on the telephone. About 4 months ago she told me she and Dr. Barrett of Lahey were considering "doing something together at Symmes" and that she would get back to me shortly. I have not received any word from her since.
 - Allen Reedy and I have met with the CEO of Winchester Hospital together with Phil Hayward, the head of development. They requested an engineering report, and have sent two groups of surgeons to look at the Symmes operating rooms. No commitment or further interest has been forthcoming.
 - I have talked with the dean at Boston University School of Medicine about possible biomedical research or other uses, and he knew of no possibilities.
 - I have talked to the CEO of Cambridge Hospital who has no interest in pursuing any program at Symmes.

2. Groups with an interest in coming to or staying at Symmes are:
 - The Visiting Nurses and Community Health, Inc. are interested in possibly moving to Symmes and would like to open a wound care clinic there.
 - The Children's Room, founded by Judy Oliver, which provides support to bereaved children and their families, would like to move to Symmes.
 - The Cancer Support Center in Arlington (Arms around Arlington), founded by Mary Lewis Sheehan, would like to move to Symmes.
 - The Arlington Board of Health has expressed interest in moving to Symmes.
 - Lahey will continue to provide internal medicine and its specialties, pediatrics, eye clinic, and oncology clinic.
 - Private practices in pulmonary medicine, orthopedics, acupuncture, and otolaryngology will continue.
 - Healthsouth will continue to provide rehabilitation services at Symmes.
 - Hospice Care, Inc. of Stoneham suggested an in patient hospice at Symmes, but has *since withdrawn any interest.*

Two Requests to VHB: 1. Help us to find medical uses of value to the community and financially feasible.

2. Help us to find biomedical research uses.