

Ten Things You Should Know About Lakewood Hospital



1) Lakewood Hospital is Owned by the Citizens Of Lakewood. The land and buildings, every MRI, ultrasound, operating table, every piece of lab equipment—right down to each light bulb—are all owned by Lakewood residents.

2) The Clinic Leases the Hospital. There are 10 more years left on the lease.

3) A \$400 Million Lawsuit Has Unearthed thousands of secret documents revealing that the Clinic planned and implemented the destruction of Lakewood Hospital, while promising City Council to make the hospital sustainable for years to come by introducing the so-called Centers of Excellence in 2010. The Clinic said that if it could transfer the Trauma and Pediatric units to Fairview Hospital, it would replace them with four other services. Dennis Kucinich explains in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDaaZgWf9p8>

4) The Hospital Was Profitable until this year, even after the Clinic removed nearly two dozen services and departments beginning in 2007, culminating this past January with the closing of the cardiac catheterization lab. The Clinic said the state health department made them close this most profitable unit, which was not true. The City's three representatives on the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) board did nothing. City Council stood by tacitly as the hospital was steadily emptied of valuable resources.

5) City Council and LHA Have Not Permitted Competitive Bidding by Potential Suitors Who Could Run the Hospital.

Three times city officials and the LHA have turned their backs on viable offers, and now want to hand the Clinic a virtual monopoly on the market area. City officials and the LHA want to block all future possible healthcare providers from ever using the present hospital site by providing the Clinic with a restrictive non-compete covenant.

6) Lives Will Be at Risk According to Firefighter/EMS Personnel. See their comments in this video interview. <https://vimeo.com/142755576>. At this link, see a very personal

testimony of a life saving experience related to the issue. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ILJwC4WHWM>

7) The Hospital is Lakewood's Largest Employer. There are 1,100 people working at the hospital at an average annual salary of \$59,000. That means the City will lose about \$900,000 a year in income tax revenue. The proposed Family Health Center will employ about 150 people.

8) \$280 Million Annually Will Be Gone From Lakewood's Economy. Suppliers, doctors, nurses and related businesses comprise our largest economic engine. There is nothing on the table that will generate anything near this economic output. Chairperson Marguerite Harkness explains at this link. Analysis starts at 3 minutes into video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00ynC_2nnBo

9) There are Several Thousand Seniors Living Within Just 3 Blocks of the Hospital. Their lives depend on the proximity of a full service hospital. See this short video of "The Westerly" senior living facility.

<https://youtu.be/pZheeU9kXPw>

10) Lakewood Hospital's Market Value is \$120 Million. Under the latest deal, The Clinic will get approximately 2/3 of its assets at pennies on the dollar. The original lease signed in 1996 specified that if the hospital should close, the hospital assets would be returned to the City at full market value. The new deal turns the old deal on its head. The new deal will place approximately \$80 million worth of the hospital's value in the hands of The Clinic for approximately \$10 million. The remaining amount will not be given to the city in a lump sum, but will be parceled out over a period of 10 years. A detailed explanation of this deal will be available online shortly.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpYGgZc_59xW_pNdlUSCmtA

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A list of what the proposed **Lakewood Family Health Center** will not be able to handle:

Strokes	Uncontrolled bleeding
Heart attack	Blood clots in the lung
Vascular emergencies <i>e.g.</i> acute limb ischemia	Trauma
Need for angioplasty and stents	Neurosurgical- brain and spinal surgery
Broken bones	Psychiatric admissions
Injuries from falls <i>i.e.</i> Fractured hip	Drug overdose
Head injuries	Severe asthma attacks
Complicated pregnancies	Lung infection
Acute appendicitis	Pneumonia
Acute abdomen	Influenza
Sepsis- severe infections	Orthopedic-knee and hip replacements
Diabetic coma	Cancer admissions
Acute kidney failure	Have not included obstetric, pediatric admissions
Acute Urinary obstructions	

Anything that would warrant a hospitalization will have to be outsourced. Keep in mind that inpatient, surgical and procedural stays are lucrative for health care systems. When Lakewood Hospital closes, The City of Lakewood will lose these money-making services while The Clinic will absorb them all. It's all about the money and people are expendable.

Tell City Council to reject the Cleveland Clinic's plan

Monday 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting, Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave
Gather at **6:30pm** for a review of the Master Agreement



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