Historic Partnership between UMC, Clark County and the UNLV School of Medicine Creates World Class Center for Medical Education

Nevada’s newest physicians will receive the most innovative and technologically advanced medical education under an historic partnership between UMC, Clark County and the UNLV School of Medicine.

On Tuesday, May 17th, the Clark County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution of Intent to Transfer Ownership of the property, located at 625 Shadow Lane, to enable the UNLV School of Medicine to build state-of-the-art training and education facilities in direct partnership with UMC.

“UMC has been serving our community, as an academic medical center, for decades and this exciting new partnership dramatically expands our fundamental role in the training of the next generation of physicians for Southern Nevada,” said UMC CEO Mason VanHouweling. “We are proud to have UNLV School of Medicine students and residents learning at the elbow of our world-renowned physicians and clinicians at UMC.”

The UNLV School of Medicine plans to begin its first class of students in July, 2017.

“This is a significant milestone for the UNLV School of Medicine and our community,” said Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Founding Dean, UNLV School of Medicine. “The partnership with the county and University Medical Center will further our mission to build a premier medical school and academic health center that serves the residents of southern Nevada,” said Dr. Barbara Atkinson, Founding Dean of the UNLV School of Medicine. “We are extremely grateful for this land and the partnership that it represents with the County and UMC.”

Clark County will convey approximately 10 acres of land, where the former health district once stood, to build the first UNLV School of Medicine building in close proximity to UMC in support of training, residency, fellowship and research programs that will benefit the medical school and the hospital.

“This partnership will bring the most advanced form of medical training to Southern Nevada while serving the needs of a diverse population, further ensuring our community is home to the best and brightest physicians,” said Clark County Commissioner and Chairman of the UMC Board of Trustees Lawrence Weekly.

The Clark County Commission Resolution of Intent is the first agreement to be presented in a series of public meetings set prior to the Board of County Commissioners’ anticipated final approval on June 21st.
“Las Vegas is one of the last urban communities in the nation to add a new medical school to its core resources and this remarkable partnership between UMC, Clark County and UNLV has been worth the wait,” said Chairman of the UMC Governing Board John O'Reilly. “The UNLV School of Medicine will provide the medical education and clinical training of the future right here at home, continuing our role in the community as the premier academic health center.”

“The creation of this important collaboration with Clark County and UMC represents a key step in the fulfillment of the Board of Regents’ original vision for the development of a top-notch UNLV School of Medicine,” said Regent James Dean Leavitt, chairperson of the Regents’ Health Sciences System Committee. “We appreciate Clark County and UMC’s support of this vision and we look forward to a long-term relationship that will help improve health care for all of southern Nevada.”

UMC is committed to offering the highest level of care in Nevada, providing a wide range of exclusive and specialized health care services to community members and visitors. UMC is home to Nevada's only Level I Trauma Center, only Burn Care Center and only Center for Transplantation. Through Children's Hospital of Nevada at UMC, the health system also provides patients with access to Nevada's only Designated Pediatric Trauma Center. Children's Hospital of Nevada at UMC serves as the state's only hospital to be recognized and accepted as an associate member of the Children's Hospital Association. Offering highly skilled physicians, nurses and staff members supported by the latest, cutting-edge technology, UMC and Children's Hospital of Nevada continue to build upon their shared reputation for providing the highest level of care. In support of its mission to serve as the premier academic health center, UMC is the anchor partner for the new UNLV School of Medicine. For more information, please visit [www.umcsn.com](http://www.umcsn.com) and [www.chnv.org](http://www.chnv.org).