

Copper Queen Community Hospital: Continuing to Grow For You

Construction, expansion and renovation have become constants at our sites over the past few years as we continuously look for ways to bring additional services and high-tech solutions for the healthcare needs of Bisbee, Douglas and southern Arizona. We're putting the finishing touches on our Emergency Department renovation and expansion at Copper Queen Community Hospital (CQCH) in Bisbee, as we plan a Groundbreaking Ceremony for our next construction project at the Copper Queen Medical Associates (CQMA) Rural Health Clinic in Douglas.

On January 16, 2014 we'll be launching construction of the Douglas Medical Complex, a \$4 million renovation and expansion of our existing rural health clinic. We've been working with the Douglas City Council to bring this project to fruition and we're pleased to announce we'll be adding 11,000 square feet of additional space to accommodate:

- A Quick Care facility for "no appointment" visits
- Enhanced and expanded diagnostics (radiology and laboratory)
- The addition of a computed tomography (CT) scanner

Even the parking lot will be expanded. Last month, we dug trenches to lay fiber optics allowing us to bring our nationally known Tele-Medicine services to help our patients at the Douglas clinic. The Tele-Cardiology program will be the first one available in Douglas. Starting this coming January patients will no longer have to leave Douglas. Our physicians will be able to meet with the patients

and cardiologists in Tucson for consultations and diagnosis. Pulmonary and dermatology consultations are next.

We appreciate your patience over the next nine months while the Douglas Medical Complex construction is underway. Each renovation and addition to our Douglas rural health clinic will enhance and expand the healthcare services needed here. When we keep healthcare local, we keep high-quality, cost-effective services easily accessible to our patients, and keep experienced professionals in Douglas to care for their neighbors and friends.



James J. Dickson is the Chief Executive Officer of Copper Queen Community Hospital (CQCH), Bisbee, Arizona. Dickson has overseen the expansion of CQCH from a struggling facility to a profitable and nationally recognized rural health

care network with Rural Health Clinics in Bisbee, Douglas and Palominas. Dickson has spent the past 20 years working with critical-access hospitals. CQCH is a 14-bed acute-care center offering a full range of services and is in the final phase of a construction and expansion project that includes the Emergency Department and ancillary services. It is a Level IV Trauma Center and uses Tele-Medicine technology in cardiology, stroke, neurology, trauma, burns and radiology. Mr. Dickson is the 2011 winner of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Shirley Ann Munroe Leadership Award. Dickson also recently received honors from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association and the Arizona Rural Health Association.

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