

**August 1, 2017**

To Our Supporters,

Bay Area Medical Center has managed and organized the Menominee River Century Bike Ride since 2001 and has played some role since its inception in 1982. For the past 16 years, this has been a major health & wellness initiative for BAMC to offer to our community and surrounding areas. As the main sponsor, we have enjoyed being able to provide our community with this cycling event.

Currently, BAMC is in the process of building a brand new hospital. Our scheduled date to open is in August of 2018. We will be holding a series of Open Houses in July of 2018. We are also planning a comprehensive plan for transitioning from the current location to the new location. As you might expect, this is a very complex project that is being managed at the same time we continue to provide hospital care for the community.

The Menominee River Century Bike Ride Committee depends on many BAMC staff to help plan and conduct the ride. That same staff is currently very involved with planning that transition to the new facility and will be playing key roles in the actual move next summer. Given this, we have made the decision to dedicate our resources to the hospital move and not hold the MRC Bike Ride in 2018.

This decision was not made lightly, or with ease. We understand the tradition and importance this event holds with our community and bike riders from many states for many years. We fully intend to continue the Bike Ride come June 2019. We are asking for your understanding and support of this decision and hope you will 'circle the date' of June 30, 2019 when the ride will once again be part of our summer.

Any questions about this decision, our future plans or the new hospital project can be directed to John Hofer, [jhofer@bamc.org](mailto:jhofer@bamc.org) or Mariah Harris, [mharris@bamc.org](mailto:mharris@bamc.org)

Thank you for your past (and future) support!

*BAMC Menominee River Century Bike Ride Committee*

