



KIAWAH PARTNERS & MUSC HEALTH ANNOUNCE FIRST STEP FOR SEA ISLANDS FREESTANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Certificate of Need (CON) Application Approved by CON Department at SC DHEC

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C., June 2020 – As part of a partnership five years in the making, to bring accessible healthcare to Kiawah Island residents and their Barrier Island neighbors, Kiawah Partners and MUSC Health are pleased to announce the Certificate of Need (CON) application for the Sea Islands Freestanding Emergency Department has officially been approved by the CON Department at SC DHEC.

This project was initiated to meet an identified need for medical services in the Sea Islands, which comprises Kiawah Island, Seabrook, and Johns Island. With no convenient emergency healthcare options currently accessible to those in the aforementioned areas, Kiawah Partners and MUSC Health sought to develop a concept for a world-class medical facility for those in the community.

Due to the overwhelming support this project has seen from Kiawah Island residents, and surrounding community members, Kiawah Partners and MUSC Health are able to bring in a facility that provides 24/7 lifesaving care in its emergency department with trauma rooms, an onsite lab, four exam rooms, imaging technology, and a helipad for the fastest possible transfers. Primary and specialty care will also be offered, for those residents who are looking for more convenient alternatives to their current providers.

“For 5+ years, we have worked hand-in-hand with MUSC to bring this concept to fruition. We heard the needs of our Kiawah residents, and those of the neighboring communities, and there was no question that MUSC were the natural fit -- given our historical ties and the fact that they are the best in their class,” said Chris Randolph, Kiawah Partners.

It is MUSC’s intention to provide the highest quality emergency services and timely access to medical services to the Sea Islands communities. Through the proposed project, MUSC will be able to successfully achieve this goal with continued community and stakeholder support throughout this project’s next steps, outlined in this presentation:https://f.hubspotusercontent00.net/hubfs/5894759/Email%20Assets/KP%20and%20SSP/MUSC_Con_06-2020/Kiawah_Presentation.pdf

In recent months, it has become clear that this initiative is more important than ever. As Kiawah Partners continues to invest in the community, they are committed to making the Sea Islands even safer and preserving its way of life. To that end, they have also partnered with the public health experts from MUSC Health’s recent Back2Business program, who are providing professional consultation on how best to safely reopen the Kiawah Island Club operations amid the coronavirus outbreak. This customizable

approach adds to the Club's existing safety procedures put forth by SC DHEC, CDC, and the WHO, while providing Members, guests, and their employees additional peace of mind.

About Kiawah Partners

Kiawah Partners is the master developer of Kiawah Island, a 10,000-acre barrier island located 21 miles south of Charleston, South Carolina. With a total of 600 employees, the company's subsidiaries include Kiawah Island Real Estate and the Kiawah Island Club, which encompasses the Tom Fazio-designed River Course, the Tom Watson-designed Cassique, The Beach Club by Robert A.M. Stern, and Sasanqua, the members-only spa. Kiawah Island is home to 10 miles of pristine beach and Kiawah Partners have been frequently recognized for their commitment to the preservation of the Island's natural environment.

About MUSC

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is the oldest medical school in the South, as well as the state's only integrated, academic health sciences center with a unique charge to serve the state through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and 700 residents in six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. The state's leader in obtaining biomedical research funds, in fiscal year 2018, MUSC set a new high, bringing in more than \$276.5 million. As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality patient care available, while training generations of competent, compassionate health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Comprising some 1,600 beds, more than 100 outreach sites, the MUSC College of Medicine, the physicians' practice plan, and nearly 275 telehealth locations, MUSC Health owns and operates eight hospitals situated in Charleston, Chester, Florence, Lancaster and Marion counties. In 2019, for the fifth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina. MUSC and its affiliates have collective annual budgets of \$3 billion. The more than 17,000 MUSC team members include world-class faculty, physicians, specialty providers and scientists who deliver groundbreaking education, research, technology and patient care.
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