

Supporting Healthy Births

Our commitment to serving our communities' expectant mothers and families is stronger than ever

With all childbirths transitioning to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend this September 1, we look forward to ensuring that the community has access to safe and sustainable birth plan choices and women's health services for the foreseeable future.

Understanding that there's much public misinformation, we want to address community concerns:

CONCERN

CLARIFICATION

The Birth Center is closing.

The Birth Center facility is not closing. With deliveries transitioning to RiverBend, the Birth Center will be renamed and repurposed but **will continue to be a vital component of our women's care and family services offerings.**

This decision was made for purely financial reasons.

Quality, safety and sustainability were all drivers behind this decision. Under the future model, we'll be better able to ensure best practices and the safest outcomes with onsite access to higher levels of intervention if the need arises.

PeaceHealth is discontinuing the other critical services that the Birth Center currently provides.

In partnership with Women's Care, our goal is to expand, not limit, these services including midwifery, overall well-woman care, prenatal and postpartum care, including lactation support.

This decision hurts our communities' underserved and vulnerable.

PeaceHealth will continue to partner with community organizations to provide prenatal services to the underserved, including those on OHP, Medicaid, CAWEM or without coverage.

The changes to the Birth Center will create gaps in care.

We are committed to ensuring continuity of care as we transition services and do not anticipate gaps in care.

PeaceHealth has refused to meet with the Lane County Friends of the Birth Center (LaneCoFBC).

We've had numerous conversations with representatives of LaneCoFBC and have invited them on several occasions to work with us to help identify what our future model of obstetrics care will look like as part of our community advisory committee.