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“ASMC Board of Directors Integrate Governor’s Vision in Their Plans to Move Forward”

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for our people.” - Governor Lemanu*

The Chairman of the American Samoa Medical Center Board of Directors, Dr. Malouamaua Tuiolosega sent his regards to Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga in a correspondence dated March 16, 2022. “Thank you for the private audience to meet and discuss LBJ’s happenings, and to convey our immediate and long-term needs,” stated Chairman Dr. Tuiolosega. He continued, “The Board removes itself from being judgmental or blaming; the Board’s role is clear under the law and cardinal to all - to promote LBJ to where it should rightly be.”

Chairman Dr. Tuiolosega included in his correspondence a synopsis of policies that the ASMC Board has prioritized to pursue, which includes recommendations given by Governor Lemanu in a prior meeting. ASMC Chairman Dr. Tuiolosega mentions that the Board will immediately work to resolve each issue accordingly, and will report periodically on their progress.

The policies include:

1. Re-Classification of LBJ Wages, Compensation, and Pay Structure;
2. Recruit native, local, and qualified Doctors, Nurses, and Healthcare Specialists;
3. Education, Training, and Certification across the spectrum of the rank and file of LBJ Healthcare providers;
4. Integrating Technology in all aspects of LBJ’s operations;
5. Evaluating the “new” hospital concept and providing a recommendation for consideration.

Governor Lemanu commends the Chairman and the Board of Directors for their efforts to realign their priorities. “We are in a State of Emergency, and the COVID-19 virus is rapidly spreading throughout our communities,” stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, “The highest priority has always been the overall wellbeing of the people of American Samoa. Our

infrastructure needs to be concrete and efficient in order to provide the best care for our people.”

The Chairman thanked Governor Lemanu in his closing remarks, “I thank you for the opportunity to share our plan with you, and I sincerely hope you will continue to provide your unconditional support to the Board and LBJ, as we move forward.”

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