

Office addition in the works for Angleton doctors

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ANGLETON — Doctors working in Angleton soon might have a new location for their offices as developers plan to construct a new facility next to the Angleton Danbury Medical Center.

Angleton Medical Office Building Partners LLC is working with hospital officials to purchase what now is hospital property and build a 50,000-square-foot facility.

It would be privately owned and operated by the Angleton Medical Office Building Partners.

“We would hope to open in mid-2012,” developer Jonathan Gibbs said. “There seems to be a lot of interest in getting this up and running.”

Angleton Danbury Medical Center officials are looking to sell the developers a 5-acre tract.

Cost estimates for the project, which includes the lot on the hospital grounds, have not been determined. Developers and hospital officials are talking to area leaders, physicians, physical therapists and others to determine whether there is enough demand for the building.

The professional building next to the hospital is at capacity, said Paula Tobon-Stevens, Angleton Danbury Medical Center associate administrator.

“We need additional office space,” she said. “We’ll be able to bring more physicians to Angleton.”

Nephrologist Dr. Atiq Dada has practices in Bay City and Sweeny and operates a clinic in Angleton. More physicians have moved practices to Bay City and Sweeny as more office space became available, he said.

Dada said he would be interested in buying space if the development comes to fruition.

“There’s an influx of patients who want to get care in town,” he said.

Tobon-Stevens said she hopes the building specifically will attract more primary care doctors.

The tentative design of the facility includes several office suites on the property between the hospital and Deborah Drive, near the intersection of Highway 35 and Hospital Drive. The facility’s layout could be modified for potential tenants before construction begins, Gibbs said.

“We’re still in the research phase,” he said.

Angleton’s economic development coordinator, Patti Worfe, said there definitely is a need.

“Medical office space is something I get a number of phone calls about,” Worfe said. “We don’t have enough true medical office space.”

Having more patients in Angleton also would mean more money spent locally, Dada said.

“You will get a significant economic and tax boost,” he said.

Medical professionals in Angleton also are wanting that office space close to the hospital, Worfe said.

The building could provide space for physicians, a laboratory, a pharmacy and possibly a coffee shop, Tobon-Stevens said.

“It’s dependent on what the needs are,” she said.

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