2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities Update

Work is currently underway for review and changes to the 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, Section 4.1 Nursing Facilities.

John Shoesmith, AIA, Vice President of Wattenbarger Architects in Bellevue, WA, has accepted an appointment to the 2010 Guidelines Peer Review Committee by Co-Principal Investigators Lois Cutler and Rosalie Kane, both of the Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, at the University of Minnesota.

The important work of the peer review committee is being funded by the Facilities Guidelines Institute http://www.fgiguideines.org/ to summarize and compare variations in Federal and State nursing home regulations and compare the findings against construction regulations and trends in nursing home care in the 21st century.

Shoesmith’s appointment was made as a result of his particular expertise and perspective on the design and construction of nursing homes, as well as his geographic location; the committee desired to balance the group with representatives from each geographic region of the country as well as nursing home providers and designers. Other review committee members include Margaret Calkins, David Green and Elizabeth “Betsy” Brawley.

The draft 2010 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities will be available for public comment in spring 2008.

At that time, the Health Guidelines Revision Committee will invite the health care industry (clinicians, designers, and facility managers), authorities having jurisdiction, and other interested members of the public to comment on proposed changes to the language in the 2006 edition of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities.

For information on how to access past editions of the Guidelines and how to reference the 2006 edition, visit the American Institute of Architects Web site at www.aia.org_gd_hospcons