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McGuireWoods Consulting Helps Tangier Island Receive Grant for New Health Care Clinic

RICHMOND, Va. – Gov. Tim Kaine and Secretary of Health and Human Resources Marilyn Tavenner will travel to Tangier Island on Friday, June 8, to announce a \$300,000 matching fund grant for a new health clinic on this remote island in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay.

The announcement will take place at the Tangier Combined School at 1:30 p.m. Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Bloxom, Sen. John Chichester, Del. Lynwood Lewis, Del. Rob Whitman and Supervisor Ron Wolff, Accomack Board of Supervisors, will also attend. The event will launch a public/private partnership aimed at bringing modern medicine to Tangier.

The new clinic, which will be built through the recently created non-profit organization, *Tangier Island Health Foundation*, will replace a crumbling, 50-year-old building with several structural problems that is the only medical facility to serve Tangier's 650 residents. Jimmie Carter, Founder and Chairman of the *Tangier Island Health Foundation*, estimates that building and outfitting the new clinic will cost approximately \$1,250,000.

McGuireWoods Consulting, a public affairs subsidiary of the law firm McGuireWoods LLP, provided *pro bono* government affairs services to help secure the \$300,000 matching grant that was initiated in Gov. Kaine's budget earlier this year and approved in the 2007 session of the General Assembly. Fund drives to match the grant are underway. McGuireWoods Consulting, known for its experience in developing private/public partnerships, is assisting in these as well.

"The goal is to raise upwards of \$1.1 million, and create an annual operating budget of \$100,000," Eric J. Finkbeiner, senior vice president and director of McGuireWoods Consulting's Virginia Government Relations Team. He led the public affairs efforts that have resulted in the \$300,000 grant being awarded by Gov. Kaine. "This project was especially meaningful because it affected the lives and welfare of Virginians who are often forgotten and have critical needs that we could help address directly by getting a new clinic built," Finkbiner added.

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