

**Redwoods Rural Health Center Board of Directors Meeting August 26, 2008
starting at 6PM at the Meeting Room at the Redway Clinic**

Board Members Present: Thad Horner, Pamela Moore, Shelby, Shon Wellborn, Rick Silva, Kathy Epling

Board Members Absent:

Dee Way, Troy Harrington-Dean, Carol Lee (she was unwell).

Staff Present: Eric Fimbres, ED; Jeanie Eldridge, CFO; Jim Gergits (um, what is Jim's current job title? someone please let me know); Blake Olsen, RRHC Dentist; Megan McCormack, RRHC Dental Manager, Mark Mowrey, Clinic Nurse Manager; Maryanne Riley, FNP (please correct spelling and positions, someone)

President Thad Horner brought the meeting to order at 6PM.

Rick Silva agreed to be timekeeper.

It was suggested that the Agenda be shifted slightly to put the Executive Director report (to which staff present had contributions) before Carol Lee's presentation on the Death Penalty, since Carol had not yet arrived.

Under New business it was suggested that the Transfer of Board funds be put in as a potential item to consider.

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved with the above changes.

The motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Rick Silva
MOTION PASSED unanimously

MOTION: that the consent agenda be approved as submitted.

The motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Shelby.
MOTION PASSED unanimously

The consent agenda had 4 items on it: approval of the July 29, 2008 Board and finance committee minutes; acceptance of the July 2008 financial report; acceptance of the July 2008 CQI report; and acceptance of the Division Reports.

The first section of the Executive Director report was devoted to a Provider Presentation touching on issues of triage, emergency care, patient interactions, and questions of medication, as well as phone contact and appointment scheduling.

This report was in response to questions raised by a board member at the July 2008 board meeting.

The CQI committee reviewed the specifics of the situation brought to the board in July, and felt that proper protocol had been followed.

The board asked questions of the staff and said they were pleased with the degree of care and concern and confident that the staff had in place proper procedures.

Eric touched on the California State Budget Impasse and on Dr. Lear's report (which was in the board packet).

He spoke of the possibility of receiving a California Endowment info-technology grant; the Endowment, he said, is receptive to his ideas but suggested he approach the community clinics initiative funds, then return to the Endowment for matching or other funds.

He discussed the grants recently received by Southern Humboldt Working Together from the McLean Foundation and Humboldt Area Foundation; these monies will go to support the salary of the coordinator, Dena Baker, whose importance was recognized by the foundations.

He discussed the potential collaboration between Redwoods Rural and the Healthcare District.

He said that the Healthcare District Board wished to meet with the Redwoods Rural Board of Directors.

There was a discussion of Dr. Lear's report and the Open Access scheduling process. Thad wished to know how far RRHC was going with this. There was discussion of Eureka Family Practice & the opportunities for RRHC staff in potentially working there and learning in a hands on way how that practice works.

Thad felt the report was very useful.

Board Secretary Kathy Epling had received a letter from a former employee. Given that the subject of the letter ventured into personnel and legal territory she wished to share and discuss the letter during closed session at the end of the meeting.

Eric Fimbres had received a thank you from the Fortuna Sunrise Rotary.

Jeanie Eldridge went over the rationales and information the finance committee had reviewed, explaining why she wished to have a resolution to apply for a Line of Credit, why she wished to have a resolution for disbursement from the Board reserve account, and why she wished to have a resolution to apply immediately for the Emergency Loan arranged by the CPCA.

MOTION: That Redwoods Rural be authorized by the Board of Directors to apply for the CPCA Emergency Loan.

This motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Rick Silva
MOTION PASSED unanimously

MOTION: That Redwoods Rural be authorized by the Board of Directors to start the application process for a Line of Credit from NCB.

This motion was made by Pamela Moore and seconded by Shon Wellborn.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

MOTION: That the Redwoods Rural Board of Directors authorize the transfer of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) from the Community Credit Union Money Market Account # 8824 to the Redwoods Rural Disbursement Account at UMPQUA with the stipulation that the funds be restored to the reserve account as soon as feasible.

This motion was made by Rick Silva and seconded by Pamela Moore

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Eric discussed the HRSA grant and asked for a board resolution to apply for this.

MOTION: That the Board of Directors authorize Redwoods Rural to apply for the HRSA HIT Grant.

Motion was made by Rick Silva and seconded by Shon Wellborn.

Eric discussed the CBI grant from the St Joseph's Health Foundation. He stated that this round he intended to apply for the full amount and needed to target economic development. He presented his thoughts, including his statement he has buy in from Rotary, the schools, the health district, and WISH house for this. Vocational development would be the main focus. Redwoods Rural would be the fiscal agent.

There was some discussion.

MOTION: That the Redwoods Rural Health Center Board of Directors authorize Eric Fimbres to apply for the CBI grant from the St. Joseph's Health Foundation.

Motion was made by Rick Silva and seconded by Pamela Moore.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The annual Membership Drive is coming up. Committee members include Kathy, Shelby, and Thad but need not be limited to those. We need to set a date for the annual November meeting and set up the calendar for the election cycle and membership outreach.

Eric had a request from Christina Huff that Redwoods Rural fund half of the salad bar just purchased for Redway Elementary. There was discussion.

MOTION: That Redwoods Rural donate \$100 from the board fundraising account towards the Redway Elementary Salad Bar.

MOTION was made by Rick Silva and seconded by Pamela Moore.

MOTION passed unanimously.

Eric would like to have a shelter for the little kids waiting for the school bus near RRHC. He approached Rotary and was told this would be a Kiwanis sort of project. He will approach Kiwanis.

Next Meetings:

September 23, 2008 is the date for the next Finance Committee meeting (5PM) and the next Board Meeting (6PM).

MOTION: That the board adjourn into executive session.

Motion was made by Kathy Epling and seconded by Pamela Moore.

MOTION passed unanimously.

The board adjourned into executive session at 7:26PM. It returned to open session at 8:01PM and adjourned immediately.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Epling, Board Secretary RRHC