

The purpose of Redwoods Rural Health Center is to provide responsive, preventive, high quality primary health care services, through a variety of healing disciplines, to all people without regard to social or economic status. We emphasize the client's right and responsibility to participate in his or her own health care decisions. It is our hope that the clinic be a place where the needs of the whole person are met--body, mind, and spirit.

Redwoods Rural Health Center

Board meeting

January 27, 2009 6:00PM at the Clinic meeting room

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

Board Members Absent: Shelby (out of the country); Carol Lee (also out of the country); Dee Way (with her small children)

Staff Present: Jeanie Eldridge, CFO; Wendi Joiner, Medical Director

Others Present: Brooke Phelps, employee of the Southern Humboldt Hospital District

Brooke introduced herself and said she was here on behalf of the new hospital administrator, Harry Jasper. She was welcomed.

Board President Thad Horner brought the meeting to order at 6:01PM

MOTION: That the Agenda be accepted as provided in the board packets.

The motion was made by Pamela Moore and seconded by Rick Silva.

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Thad Horner, reviewing the departmental and CQI reports, noted that it was wonderful that the health center had 100 new clients. There was discussion about this; Dr. Joiner noted that word of mouth seems to be a big factor now in drawing people to the clinic for the first time, or back to the health center after they had sought care elsewhere. Many of these clients are people with chronic complex conditions. Board members noted that, indeed, word around town about the health center and particularly about Dr. Joiner's presence at the clinic has been extremely positive.

MOTION: That the consent agenda be accepted.

This motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Janet Fitzgerald

MOTION PASSED, unanimously

The items in the Consent Agenda were approval of: Meeting minutes of Dec 2008, finance co minutes of Dec 2008, January 2009 Division Reports and the January 2009 CQI report.

Jeanie Eldridge gave a brief synopsis of the report she had previously given to the finance committee, noting the high Accounts Receivable days, and how this was being worked on, noting the back payments, noting the healthy ratios and the positive figures in all departments.

MOTION: That the December 2008 Financials be approved.

Pamela Moore made the motion, which Rick Silva seconded.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Board secretary reported that the only recent correspondence has been the back and forth with the executive director candidate who is coming to visit on Thursday. There was a little discussion of the schedule for that day.

Brooke Phelps spoke briefly about the Hospital District's new administrator, Harry Jasper.

Jeanie Eldridge wanted some feedback on the Shovel Ready Projects requested by the CPCA; this is to enable clinics to hit the ground running on projects if and when monies are released through the federal government. She had already made up a list and will be submitting a letter, but she wanted to include whatever the board also thought possible or needed. Among those items was soundproofing of the treatment rooms—or further soundproofing.

In the discussion of this issue, Brook Phelps suggested that RRHC look into using Sirius radio music piped into the rooms; it's what the hospital is using now.

There was some discussion of the request to use the Meeting room after hours for a Cancer Survivor's Group. The person who had made the request was not present at the board meeting. Consensus was that use of the room for health related or health education and support related activities and groups is looked on favorably by the board, but it must not impact regular operations, and in most cases would be undesirable after hours, due to staffing and security issues.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting would be February 24, but 4 of the 6 board members present had conflicts on that date, as well as some key staff.

Thus the meeting will be on MONDAY February 23, 2009. The Finance Committee will meet at 5PM and the Board Meeting at 6PM.

The group adjourned, by consensus, into executive session at Kathy Epling's request to discuss some matters that involve RRHC personnel and potential legal liability at 7:12PM. Kathy asked that Jeanie Eldridge stay for the executive session.

The group said goodnight to Wendi Joiner and Brooke Phelps and thanked them for coming.

The group went into executive (closed) session and returned to open session at 7:32, adjourning by mutual consent.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Epling, RRHC board secretary