

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 of Directors Meeting

February 23, 2009 6PM at the Meeting Room at the Medical Building at the clinic in Redway

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

Board Members Absent: Janet Fitzgerald (family emergency; out of town); Carol Lee (out of the country); Shelby (also out of the country); Dee Way (family issues).

Staff Present: Jeanie Eldridge, CFO; Jim Gergits, Operations Manager

Others Present: Consuelo Hernandez, Cal Mort project officer; Sydney King, RRHC Board Candidate (and soon to be RRHC board member).

Thad Horner brought the meeting to order at 6:05PM

Rick Silva agreed to be Timekeeper for the evening.

Because Kathy needed to leave the meeting before 7 due to a family situation, and Shon would be leaving at the same time kindly driving Kathy back to her shop, Thad recommended that the one crucial item on the agenda requiring a vote (acceptance of the Board Election Results) be moved to after item 6.

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved with the inclusion of Thad's suggestion.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously

Kathy had a minor question about something in the CQI report. There was a statement on recommendations for adult vaccinations that said the recommendation used to be that adults stay current on the DT (presumably diphtheria/tetanus) shots but now it is the DTap that is recommended.

She is curious as to what that is.

No one present knew.

This brings up her normal request that when people use acronyms they spell out the meaning, at least in the first use of the acronym (as in CQI, continuous quality improvement, which Kathy should have done in these very minutes.)

Often specialty terms seem very normal and understood to those in the field, but to the lay board they can be puzzling.

Kathy was very much delighted with the new format of the CQI report, with the end table of things to be done, by whom, and in what time frame.

And in general she is very impressed with all the reports and with the RRHC staff.

MOTION: That the Consent Agenda be Approved.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously

The Consent Agenda included: Meeting minutes of January 2009 board meeting; notes from the finance co meeting in January 2009, approval of the February 2009 division reports and CQI report, and of the January 2009 financials.

No one was present to speak to the board during open time.

Kathy noted that one item of correspondence had come to Thad and her via the “contact board” function of the website. The correspondence was from a client needing help obtaining medical records; it has been forwarded appropriately to staff, and Prez. Thad wrote the client an excellent letter.

Thad asked Sydney King to tell us a bit about herself. She is an animal activist and said she did her thesis on Medical Ethics and is a grantwriter.

The Board Election

Kathy presented the report on the Board Election. There were 365 ballots sent out. One ballot was returned after the Feb 13, 2009 date and was not opened or counted.

143 ballots were counted on February 19, 2009 at Lamport Legal Documents in Garberville, CA by Jim Lamport, Thad Horner, Judy Moore, and Kathy Epling.

The votes were tallied as followed: Carrie Conine received 47 votes; Sydney King received 90 votes; Rick Silva received 101 votes, and Shon Wellborn received 127.

Kathy noted that some ballots contained votes for only one or two of the candidates, and one ballot was completely unmarked.

The newly elected (and returning, in the cases of Rick and Shon) board members are Sydney King, Rick Silva, and Shon Wellborn.

MOTION: That the report of the Election committee be accepted as presented and that Rick Silva, Shon Wellborn, and Sydney King commence their three year terms as board members, terms to run until February 2012.

The motion was made by Pamela Moore and seconded by Kathy Epling.

MOTION PASSED, unanimously.

Thanks are due to Dee Way, whose dedication to the health center has been wonderful even during stressful times. Dee’s term ended with this meeting.

Sydney was welcomed to the board, and Shon and Rick re-welcomed.

Jeanie Eldridge did a recap of basic financial status for Rick, who had not been at the finance committee meeting. The finances look good.

Consuelo Hernandez was asked what she knows about the situation at the state level, with the budget now passed, funds coming into the state from the federal government, but still a lot of confusion about which programs may be cut (or not). State employees are taking mandatory time off on Fridays.

Thad Horner updated the group on progress with the potential interim Executive Director. He will ask the candidate for references and permission to have a background and financial check; Jeanie will start the process for the background check with the firm our lawyer has recommended.

Sydney was filled in on the background of the ED search.

Rick asked for a brief executive session.

Jeanie and Jim were thanked for their work and attendance and excellent reports.

Consuelo was asked to stay for the executive session.

MOTION: That the board go into closed executive session.

The motion was made by Shon and seconded by Pamela and

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The board went into closed session at 6:34 and returned to open session at 6:39.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was made by Pamela and seconded by Kathy

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The next Finance Committee and Board Meetings will be on March 24, 2009, a Tuesday. Finance Committee starts at 5PM; Board Meeting at 6PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Epling, RRHC board secretary