

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 April 27, 2010
6PM at the Health Center in Redway**

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

Board Member absent: Sydney King

Staff Present: Anne Staunton, RRHC Executive Director; Megan McCormack, RRHC Health Information Systems Director; Mark Mowrey, RRHC Clinic Nurse Manager

Board President Thad Horner brought the meeting to order at 6:11PM.

The Agenda was reviewed.

Rick Silva wished to present something during the Public Comment time.

Anne Staunton noted that there were two items for executive session.

MOTION: That the Agenda be approved with the additions noted above.

The motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Rick Silva.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Open Time

Rick Silva talked about the Landmark Education sessions he has attended and how valuable they have been to him. He thought others, such as RRHC staff persons or other board members might benefit from these. He passed a brochure around and said that these sessions allowed people to move from being good people to being extraordinary people. He predicted we would see a great difference in him because he has now gone through two levels of this training. The Landmark education program qualifies for up to 5 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits.

Rick was thanked for his information.

Telemedicine Program Update

The board was given an update on the Telemedicine program (or rather as the PowerPoint presentation had it, Telemedicine Reboot). The hard copy of the slides had been part of the board packet, so the board had been able to review it in advance. Mark and Megan provided more information and lots of excitement about the possibilities opening up for the health center and our clients through use of technology. Questions were asked and

answered. Mark said the providers were on board and excited about this program. RRHC will be using high speed broad band connections and no longer using the T one line; we will be able to connect to far more sites than previously.

Some of the consults will be in real time, some will be via later review of digitalized info.

Megan and Mark were thanked for their very exciting and interesting presentation.

Executive Director's Report

Anne Staunton gave a brief Executive Director's update.

She noted that there is a current Medical Front Desk opening. There was some discussion about the qualities and qualifications needed and the importance of this role in the overall functioning of the health center.

She reminded the board that our federal project officer, Wil Johnson, will be on site on June 15th. While some on the board may not be able to take the entire day from their jobs and families, Anne hopes that all will be able to join Wil at lunch at the health center on that day. This is his first visit to our site.

ELF is going well (electronic leap forward, the process of getting our medical records and systems into electronic format. Megan is very very busy indeed. Georgia is being trained to offer some IT support as well.

Megan and Jeanie will be going to Dallas for some more training and information on systems configuration. Anne will be back at RRHC during this time, so some processes may be done in real time if need be.

Election of Board Officers

MOTION: That Thad Horner be President of the Board.

The motion was made by Kathy Epling and seconded by Shon Wellborn.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: That Kathy Epling be Secretary of the Board

The motion was made by Janet Fitzgerald and seconded by Rick Silva.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: That Janet Fitzgerald be Board Treasurer.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

MOTION: That Shelby be VicePresident of the Board.

The motion was made by Shon Wellborn and seconded by Janet Fitzgerald.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed.

Janet wondered what “curbside consults”, mentioned in the Behavioral Health report, were. There was some speculation but Marilyn Foote will be asked for clarification.

Rick asked about the OSHA walk through. OSHA actually hasn’t shown up, but Anne has been being very conscientious about workplace safety. We have had consultants come through to help us determine ergonomically correct placement of desks and such, before the recent rearrangement of offices.

Janet wished to note that Carolyn is not the owner of the local pharmacy but the head pharmacist.

MOTION: That the Consent Agenda be approved.

The motion was made by Janet Fitzgerald and seconded by Pamela Moore.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Anne Staunton presented an analysis of Dental Revenue pre and post the discontinuance of Adult Dental as a qualified (reimbursed) Medi-Cal service, using some projected graphs to illustrate the situation. There is a potential second dentist available, who will be visiting on July 6. Anne is continuing to monitor the fiscal situation; there is absolutely community need for more dental care. There was some discussion of the need to seek a healthy payor mix, bringing in more full pay clients while still serving our mission to serve those on our sliding scale.

Anne presented an update on the Lab pricing situation. Conversations are ongoing with our current lab representative and their competitors as we seek to get pricing that will allow all our clientele good access to lab services at affordable prices while maintaining our own financial stability. Positive progress seems to be being made. There was some discussion of this situation.

Anne brought the group’s attention to some new report formats included in the board packet; there was some discussion.

The board requested a further report on the lab pricing situation at the next meeting. Also on the advance agenda for May is discussion of adding a new doctor. In June there will be a presentation on disaster preparedness.

MOTION: That the board adjourn into closed session to discuss two personnel matters.

The motion was made by Kathy Epling and seconded by Janet Fitzgerald.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The board went into closed session at 7:45PM. It returned to open session at 8:07 and adjourned by mutual consent.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Epling, board secretary.