



CEO Report Notes from December 2, 2020 Board Meeting

Ara Chakrabarti, CEO

The following is an outline of comments from the CEO at the recent RCMS Board Meeting.

A complete recording of the board meeting will be available at:

<https://www.rcms-healthcare.org/board-of-directors.html>

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Community Communication

- Ara Chakrabarti and Barb Brittell held a virtual town hall meeting on November 17. We covered both financial/operational update along with current status of COVID-19 and associated activities. This was part of our quarterly “keeping the community updated” initiative.
- Ara had an hour-long interview on KGUA radio station (Peggy’s Place) on November 6 covering various topics related to RCMS’ operation and associated community impacts. The replay is available at this link:
<https://soundcloud.com/kgua/rcms-update-with-ara-chakrabarti-11620>

Organizational/Operational Update

- Looking at the possibility of hiring another provider for our Urgent Care operation. This will, hopefully, reduce the risk we have by just having two providers on rotation for Urgent Care.
- Employee survey results were shared with the team members.

COVID-19

- Working with the Mendocino County Public Health Department to see if any other alternatives can be worked out for us to continue to do our asymptomatic patients surveillance screening tests.

Flu Shots

- Between the community flu shot and flu shots we are providing in our facilities – we have given over 1,000 flu shots this year. Unless we get more shots provided to us, we have exhausted our supply.

Facilities

- Facilities subcommittee continues to meet regularly to establish a long-term plan for the main clinic building. Following are the main drivers that are being considered as part of the planning activity:
 - A facility that will meet the medical services delivery needs of the community within the FQHC format for next 10 to 15 years.
 - It is not going to be a \$25M facility as put forward in a plan five years ago. This will be more reasonable from a dollar perspective so that we can have higher level of confidence of getting it done.
 - Assessment/analysis of whether to renovate the current building or build a new facility is one of the first steps being looked at right now.
 - Committee expect to have an initial roadmap presented to the Board within the next 60 days.
- Still pursuing options to replace the triage tent at the Gualala clinic with a more permanent structure. The problem we are facing now is with the placement of that structure near the front entrance (because of the complication with driveway).
- The Point Arena medical facility got new flooring in November. Now we are working to get an emergency generator at that location.