



CEO Report Notes from January 27, 2021 Board Meeting

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The following is an outline of comments from the CEO at the recent Redwood Coast Medical Services (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

- Continued our effort to keep the community updated – particularly on vaccine-related information and activities through ICO, KGUA radio, social media channels, RCMS Pulse, and other outlets.
- Information about how and what we are doing at RCMS for vaccine distribution was picked up by Mendocino County Public Information office as well as Mendocino County Board of Supervisor in their communication.

Organizational/Operational Update

- Dr. Afsoon Foorohar will be back after her extended leave of absence. She will start back effective February 11, 2021.

COVID-19 and Vaccine

- We are so very thankful to all our staff, board members, and community members who volunteered their time and effort to make our COVID-19 vaccination activities successful.
- We have given about 1,000 first does vaccinations to date – mostly Moderna and about 100 or so Pfizer.
- About 100 second doses are also in the process of being given.
- Now we are waiting for more vaccines (and associated guidelines) from Public Health.
- Going forward, we are going to make some changes to our vaccination clinics:
 - Mass vaccination clinics (when sufficient numbers of vaccines available to RCMS) will be held offsite at the South Coast Fire Department building in Gualala and/or the Coast Life Support District (CLSD) Platt Center in Gualala. This will help us logistically as it is located closer to RCMS.

- These will be organized and coordinated by RCMS staff and/or volunteers in conjunction with CLSD volunteers, and local fire/rescue volunteers
- CLSD will provide on-site Emergency Medical Technicians who will be available should there be adverse reactions
- RCMS Urgent Care will be available to provide higher level medical assistance if needed
- Arrangement to acquire vaccine from the County, schedule patients, and report all vaccine administration to the County and State Health Departments will be the responsibility of RCMS
- These mass vaccination clinics will be free of charge to those immunized – with donations accepted.
- Currently these mass vaccination clinics will be by invitation only following public health guidelines.
- In clinic and house call vaccinations
 - Will be held at the RCMS Gualala Main clinic and/or performed by visiting nurses/providers to homebound patients
 - Will incur a nurse or provider charge billed to patient's insurance – like any other clinic visits.
 - RCMS providers will decide who will be vaccinated in clinic or at home based on vaccine availability and medical conditions such as patients with comorbidities/advanced age who would benefit from closer medical supervision during vaccination.

Facilities

- While we wait to put together a more comprehensive plan for long term facilities solution, we continue to make needed repairs.
- We are getting quotes from supplier on redoing the floor coverings in clinic part of the Gualala main building. Plan is to replace the carpet in hall ways with vinyl flooring.
- The triage tent was replaced with a more permanent structure this week and is now operational.