



CEO Report Notes from September 29, 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 is available at: <https://www.rcms-healthcare.org/board-of-directors.html> (scroll down on the web page to Meetings – Recording and Documents)

Community Communication

- We published through social media and other communication medium our current guidelines and schedule regarding third doses and booster doses relating to COVID vaccines.

Organizational/Operational Update

- Two of our primary care providers are out most of next month on leave of absence. We are trying to manage as best as we can with limited staff while continue to look for additional staff.
- Barb Brittell is leaving end of this week. We had a going away gathering last week at the Gualala Community Center to wish her good luck and to thank her for her service at RCMS.
- Pharmacy update - Mendocino coast pharmacy will continue to deliver normal prescribed medication (not controlled substance) to RCMS patients (and prescribes by RCMS clinicians) within one mile of Highway 1 as far south as south end of the Sea Ranch.

COVID-19 and Vaccine

- By end of this month, we will meet the State mandate for our employees regarding COVID Vaccination.

Facilities

- We continue to work with various contractors to finalize remodeling work for Gualala main clinic 1st floor to optimize space use there. We are hoping to start the work end October or beginning of November.

HRSA Budget-Related Action Item

- The Budget Period Renewal (BPR) is due for submission to HRSA on October 8, 2021. The budget application amount is \$1,855,526 which was already part of the annual Budget approval process. As part of HRSA's Board Authority requirement the Board must approve in the Board minutes the submission of any HRSA grant prior to submitting it through the EHB. This is an action item.