



CEO Report Notes from June 29, 2022 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 did an online townhall meeting on June 9. Discussions covered topics related to COVID vaccination, our budget process, discussions on our longer-term strategic plan, and July HRSA virtual operational site visit.
- We were invited to participate in a forum related to shortage of affordable housing organized by Point Arena City council on June 21. We commented on housing shortage's negative impacts on our ability to hire skilled professionals and resulting difficulties in our service delivery and associated quality of life impacts in our community.
- On June 25, we also participated in a forum organized by Mendocino County emergency services providers and County board supervisor, Ted Williams to address Fire Safety and Prevention. We discussed RCMS' roles and responsibilities during an emergency on the South Coast. We also noted that we have a county provided FEMA trailer accessible to us.
- Dr. Afsoon was invited to talk to a group of Sea Ranch residents on June 18 on various RCMS related topics including her role as our Medical Director.
- We have been asked to participate in the Independence Day parade organized by the city of Point Arena. It is this Sunday, July 3 at noon in Pt. Arena Main Street.

Organizational/Operational Update

- HRSA OSV is coming up next week. We have uploaded appropriate documents to HRSA designated shareholders for the auditors to look at prior to the visit. We had meeting with the auditors and they explain the schedule and plan for their 3-day virtual visit with our team. We also met with our BOD to go over details of the topics that the auditors would discuss with them. The audits will cover processes, procedures and controls related to three primary areas of our operation – Clinical, Financial, and Administrative/board functions.
- One of our behavioral healthcare providers, Mark Minder left our organization last week. We are also happy to announce that, Natalie Berg, our newest behavioral healthcare provider started this Monday.

- We have a Physician Assistant (PA) student rotating with us now and will be with us through beginning of August. We would hope to have him join our provider team at the completion of his PA training early next year.
- With various changes that are happening all around us, we will be working on putting together clinical policies and procedures in the areas of 1) Death with Dignity and 2) Abortion related services. These policies will comprehend our clinical capabilities or inabilities along with State and Federal guidelines that we need to adhere to. We will keep our community posted once these policies are formalized.

COVID-19 Testing and Vaccines

- Children's Vaccine (ages 6 months to 5 years) are now approved – and we have ordered the Vaccines. We are planning on doing Well Child visits with COVID vaccine shots as part of the visits on Thursday, July 14. We have 15 slots scheduled for this. Our staff has been calling all eligible children (their parents) to schedule these slots. We plan to organize more such visits based on interest and need in our community. Our regular adult vaccination activities continue.

Facilities

- Most of the work has been completed. Employee lunch room area is being worked on at this time.