



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOD Meeting: 2/17/2025

FROM: Katharine Wylie, Agency Administrator

Item: (3a)

RECOMMENDATION

The Mendocino Coast Health Care District Board should revisit its mission statement since, as of July 1, 2020, it became a landlord rather than a hospital operator under a 30-year lease agreement with Adventist Health Mendocino Coast (AHMC).

BACKGROUND

The principal act that governs the District is the Local Healthcare District Law. This act empowers healthcare districts to provide medical services, emergency medical, ambulance, and any other services relating to the protection of residents' health and lives. The Board of Directors has responsibility for the quality of patient care, district policies, and strategic planning, as well as fiduciary responsibility for protecting and enhancing district assets.

The District was formed on January 17, 1967 by a vote of the District's constituents for the purpose of constructing a public hospital to serve the people of Mendocino County and continues to operate as a local healthcare district pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 3200, et seq. The hospital was completed and opened for service in 1971.

The District's Primary service area encompasses approximately 680 square miles and extends about 70 miles south from the Humboldt/Mendocino County line. The District is bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and includes the City of Fort Bragg and the communities of Westport, Cleone, Caspar, Mendocino, Little River, Albion, Comptche, and Elk. The District boundaries are roughly the Fort Bragg and Mendocino Unified school district boundaries. The District provides services to patients outside of its bounds in a Secondary Service Area which includes the southern coastal communities of Manchester, Point Arena and Gualala.

ANALYSIS

Prior to affiliation with Adventist Health, the District owned and operated the critical access Mendocino Coast District Hospital, the North Coast Family Health Center (a primary care rural health clinic), home healthcare services, and hospice services. In 2020, the District and AHMC entered a 30-year lease agreement that allows AHMC to operate the hospital facility and provide associated medical services formerly operated by the District.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown at this time.



2016 Mission Statement

To make a positive difference in the health of the District's rural community.

2018 Mission Statement

We are committed to providing high quality, patient-centered, cost-effective healthcare in a caring and professional environment.

Draft 2025 Mission Statement:

By providing a hospital and outpatient health center, the district will ensure local access to essential healthcare for residents and visitors.