



To: MCHCD Board of Directors

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Subject: Agency Administrator's Report

November 2024 Election

There are 4 candidates for the 2 open seats on the board: Gabriel Maroney, Mikael Blaisdell, Lynn Finley and Paul Katzeff. The 2 candidates who receive the highest number of votes will win the open seats. Directors Garza and McGourty ran unopposed for their seats and will retain membership on this board until the 2026 elections. The League of Women Voters will be hosting a local candidate forum, with a date to be announced soon.

Measure C

Together with Chair Garza and CFO Allen, I have been working with Adventist Health (AH) Staff to provide complete Measure C reconciliations of expenditures on the Hospital facility since affiliation with AH on July 1, 2020. The next regular Measure C Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 16 at 1:00 pm, at the Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation office, 130 N. Main Street, Fort Bragg.

Audits

CFO Allen and I continue to work with DZA accountants on the 2020-21 Fiscal year audit. The expected completion is within the next 2-3 months.

LAFCO and the Grand Jury Report

I attended the LAFCO Executive Committee meeting held yesterday via zoom. There was much discussion about LAFCO requirements to complete timely Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) of all Special Districts in the county. However, given LAFCO's limited funding and staffing, the last MSR for this district was completed in 2014. LAFCO's response to the Grand Jury report will suggest that the district pay the cost for an updated MSR, currently estimated at \$15,000 - \$30,000. I will be working with LAFCO and County Auditor staff, and our advisor Shin Green, to get this sorted out.

Seismic Retrofit Extension

The seismic retrofit bill (AB 869 and SB 1432) is awaiting a final vote of the legislature in the next 2 weeks. AB 869 was passed by the Assembly yesterday, and now moves back



to be reconciled with the Senate Bill 1432, and then on to the Governor's desk for signature. SB 1432 has been amended to read:

(d) (1) Health care district hospitals that qualify for grants as described in subdivision (a) shall be required to comply with Section 130065 no later than January 1, 2032. If the department determines that the cost of design and construction for compliance with Section 130065 results in a financial hardship that may result in hospital closure and state funds, federal grants, or private foundation funds are not available to assist with the cost of compliance, the health care district hospital shall not be required to comply with Section 130065 until January 1, 2035.

The Legislative information is at:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB869&showamends=false

AB 2104 (Soria)

This measure would direct the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish a pilot program to allow up to 10 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

California faces a significant shortage of health professionals, especially in rural areas and rapidly growing regions like the Inland Empire and Central Valley. These areas struggle with a lack of health professionals per capita and face challenges in recruiting diverse, qualified workers. The state's healthcare workforce development, particularly in nursing, is insufficient to meet growing demands. While community colleges offer associate degrees in nursing, the healthcare industry increasingly requires bachelor's degrees, which are currently only available through expensive private institutions or limited public universities.

To address this, AB 2104 proposes allowing select community colleges to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This would increase access to affordable nursing education and help meet the state's healthcare needs. AB 2104 recently passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and will soon be considered by the Assembly.

Bylaws and Board Handbook Update

A proposed set of updated Bylaws will be in front of this board for consideration and adoption at the September meeting. Director McGourty has graciously volunteered to help me assemble the Board Handbooks and you should receive a copy next week. Copies of all Handbook materials will also be available to the public online.



District Strategic Plan

The 2030 Hospital team, a community based study group, is assembling a list of considerations for this Board, so that the Board can make an informed decision about the future of the hospital facility and the possibility of an outpatient SurgiCenter facility. The 2030 team has studied the current hospital configuration, and challenges to modernization including studying construction costs. The team has also discussed the importance of understanding reimbursement rates for inpatient and outpatient services, and how they affect Adventist Health's ability to recover costs and maintain a sustainable business model.

My focus on the management of this district continues to be:

- ⇒ Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency for the District Residents
- ⇒ Facilities Maintenance and Planning
- ⇒ Community Engagement
- ⇒ Compliance