



Monday Morning Briefing

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Hospital Board Approves New Equipment and New Contracts

At the January 24 regular meeting of the Mendocino Coast District Hospital Board of Directors there were several recommendations brought forth by management related to medical equipment for the hospital. The first recommendation was for a conversion of our biomedical engineering equipment service program for both preventative maintenance and equipment repairs to a new contract provided by Adventist Health Services. Under the new agreement we will receive at least 2 days per week of service and the projected savings are over \$100,000 per year. The second recommendation was for a replacement of our Chemistry Analyzer equipment in our Clinical Laboratory department. MCDH has been offered an opportunity to acquire the new analyzer at less cost than we currently spend for chemical reagents and maintenance is included at no extra cost. Over 5 years the new Chemistry Analyzer will save us over \$64,000 on reagent costs alone. There will be additional savings by having maintenance included in the agreement. The third recommendation was to renew the current MRI



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equipment lease for 1 additional year. The MRI unit was recently upgraded from a 1.0 magnet to a 1.5 magnet. This has improved quality of the service, but MCDH staff is implementing more improvements under the direction of Dr. Russell Perry. The new lease agreement is for less money than has been spent for the past several years. Annual savings for the MRI agreement will be \$72,000 per year. "It shows that it is possible to upgrade technology and save money at the same time," said Hospital CEO Raymond Hino.

MCDH Ambulance to Be Based in Mendocino Part Time

In order to provide better service to the southern portion of our service area, Mendocino Coast District Hospital Ambulance Service will be stationing 1 ambulance at the Mendocino Fire Department between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:30 pm. each day beginning on February 1, 2008. Although the crew will be stationed in Mendocino for quicker access to the south, this ambulance will also be accessible to the north service area as well. It will respond north when needed for 911 calls (when the Fort Bragg unit is already in the field), assistance at the hospital or in the field as necessary and it will be primary for all inter-facility transfers.

First Community Lecture Is a Success

"We did it!" said MCDH Chaplaincy Director Tanya Wyldflower when talking about the first MCDH Community Lecture, which was held on January 30. "We had a great lecture with Lin Taylor on the topic of Critical Stress Management" said Wyldflower. It was cold and raining but nonetheless, 10 attendees showed up with 3 of them requested Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits. Attendees included 1 Hospital Manager, 1 local firefighter and many interested community members. Additionally 11 Hospital Chaplains attended the same lecture the day before. So, in all there were 20 interested people for our first topic. "We will be providing a different topic each month," said Wyldflower. "They will all be related to health care." Any member of MCDH who wishes to present a topic should contact Tanya Wyldflower.



Upcoming Schedule of Events

- Feb 9 MCDH Community Advisory Committee
- Feb 19 MCDH Planning Committee
- Feb 26 MCDH Finance Committee
- Feb 28 MCDH Board of Directors Meeting