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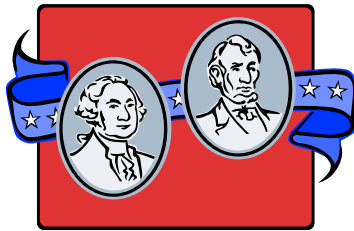
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Hospital Ambulance Service Receives Grant

On February 1 MCDH was notified by the Coastal Valleys EMS Agency that its ambulance service has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000. The grant is awarded by Mendocino County and is to be used to assist the hospital in "providing and improving emergency ambulance service in the Coastal response area in Mendocino County." The grant is to be used for the following: CCT-P Training, Radios, Resource Development and training equipment. "This grant from the County is really appreciated," said Ambulance Manager Jeff Diehl. "It will help us to maintain and improve our services."



Happy Presidents Day!

Scanning and Archiving Demonstration to Be Held

Clinical Information Systems Manager, Jeff Edwards is reminding all MCDH managers that a demonstration of the Meditech Scanning & Archiving system will be held in the Redwoods Room on Wednesday, February 20th. The demo will start at 10am and should run around 2 hours, followed by a question and answer period. Demos for the two competing products (Valco and Shams Galactica) will be scheduled during March. It is important that all managers attend, as this project will prompt changes in our information flow and act as a springboard for a full-blown electronic medical record in the future. Additionally, managers should invite staff as appropriate, especially those that would act as implementation team members. Staff attending the demonstration sessions should be prepared to ask any and all questions.

Next MCDH Community Lecture Scheduled

On Wednesday, February 27, MCDH will be presenting its second in a monthly series of Health Lectures for the public. This month's topic is "Health Care Associated Infections, why they happen and how they can be prevented." Infection Control Officer, Emmet O'Connell, will provide the lecture. Questions to be addressed during the lecture include: "How is influenza spread in a hospital setting? What are drug resistant organisms (e.g. MRSA) and how can they affect you? What is the most effective action plan that you can take to protect your health? And What is our local hospital doing to prevent hospital acquired infections?" Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available to those attending the lecture. It is open to hospital staff and the public and is free of charge to all in attendance. The lecture will be held in the hospital Redwoods Room and will go from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reverend Tanya Wyldflower is coordinating the Lecture Series with assistance from the MCDH Wellness program.

Hospital Employees Encouraged to Participate in 2008 Whale Run/Walk

The 2008 Whale Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, March 15 beginning at 7:30 a.m. A group of MCDH employees led by Gayl Moon are signing up to walk together as a hospital group. Anyone interested in participating should contact Gayl at ext. 610. The Whale Run/Walk is sponsored by the Soroptomist Club.



Upcoming Schedule of Events

- Feb 19 MCDH Planning Committee
- Feb 20 Scanning and Archiving Demonstration
- Feb 26 MCDH Finance Committee
- Feb 27 MCDH Community Lecture Series: "Health Care Associated Infections"
- Feb 28 MCDH Board of Directors Meeting