



# Monday Morning Briefing

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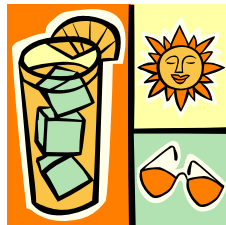
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## Infectious Disease Specialist Agreement Reached

At the May meeting of the MCDH Board of Directors, a proposal was taken to the Board to enter into an agreement with an Infectious Disease Specialist from Sebastopol, California. According to Emmet O’Connell, MCDH Laboratory Manager and Infection Control Coordinator, Dr. Erika Steffe (Infectious Disease Specialist) was contacted after he had inquired with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) for a referral to a specialist. Dr. Steffe is currently on the medical staff of Petaluma Valley Hospital and the Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol. Both Emmet O’Connell and Raymond Hino spoke to Dr. Steffe and found her to be very interested in branching out to Mendocino Coast District Hospital. Under the terms of her agreement, Dr. Steffe will provide at least 2 hours per month of infection control assistance. This could involve review of policies



### June 21 – First Day of Summer!

and procedures, on-site review of our facilities and our practices. She has, additionally, agreed to provide medical education and staff education. “We are very excited about bringing Dr. Steffe’s expertise to our facility,” said Raymond Hino. “This is a major step in our continuing efforts to improve patient and staff safety in our hospital.”

## “Lettuce Buy You Lunch”

On June 20 and June 29 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. lunch will be provided by the Hospital Foundation to MCDH Staff. This is an opportunity for employees to learn more about the “Caring for our Hospital” campaign.

## \$1.6 Million Information Technology Grant Update

As an update to the story in the June 4<sup>th</sup> “Monday Morning Briefing,” we learned last week that MCDH and its partner facilities, were not selected as the successful California site for the \$1.6 million Federal Health Information Technology grant. “I’m certain that there will be other opportunities for funding for health information technology in the future,” said Raymond Hino. “I believe that all the work that has been done to lay the groundwork for connectivity between our hospitals and our physicians offices will not be wasted, as other funding sources become available.”

## Orthopedic Surgery Recruitment to Continue

A decision was made last week to not move forward with the recruitment of Dr. Stephen Shea, orthopedic surgeon. Because of the urgency of this position, an agreement was reached with a professional recruiting firm on Friday of last week to engage the services of a professional recruiter. Two recruiters will be here this week to interview MCDH staff and to begin developing a profile on the orthopedic surgery opportunity in our community.



## Upcoming Schedule of Events

- June 19 MCDH Planning Committee
- June 26 MCDH Finance Committee
- June 26 MCDH Board of Directors Meeting
- July 13 Karaoke Night and Employee Potluck

## Opportunities for Learning!

- June 18 CPR. (5:30-9:30 PM)
- June 20 “Lettuce Buy You Lunch” (12 – 1:30 PM)
- June 24 CPR for the Community (1 – 5 PM)
- June 28 "Breast cancer update"-Dr. Linda James (11:30 AM-12:30 PM)

