

MINUTES
Los Medanos Community Healthcare District
Board Meeting

Monday November 12, 2007
6:30p.m. – Board Room

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District was called to order by President Marilyn Condit at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Marilyn Condit, President
Eva Vera, Vice President
Joe Rubi, Secretary
Jess Reyes, Treasurer
J. Vern Cromartie

Also Present: Colin Coffey, Attorney
Suzanne Salvin, substitute Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 8, 2007; Special Meeting of October 26 – Action Items #071101 and #071102

Dr. Cromartie requested that on page 7, Item #11, his name be changed to Dr. Cromartie. Mr. Reyes moved the Board to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held October 8, 2007 with the above mention correction, and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 26, 2007. Ms. Vera seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

4. Public Comments

Resident Mike Lengyel welcomed Grace and Linda and thanked them for all of their good work. He also extended a welcome back to Mr. Rubi from his absence due to recent surgery. Mr. Lengyel stated that the northeast quadrant is the Healthcare District's property and should be maintained and kept up.

5. Mt. Diablo Healthcare District Proposed Defibrillator Partnership-Linda Stevenson.

Grace Ellis, from the Mt. Diablo Healthcare District and Linda Stevenson, FMP, expressed thanks to the Board for thinking out of the box on ways to benefit the entire community; while discussing sharing programs and sharing CEOs. Unfortunately, Grace is waiting for “Criteria” for the CEO; she will give to the Board as soon as she receives.

Dr. Cromartie had questions about budget, partnerships and programs that address healthcare disparities. Ms. Ellis did not have the budget information. Regarding the AED heart Program, she stated that it made sense to share these programs since we are all in the same boat. Sharing programs that do not take funds from other districts, only sharing existing programs, so they are not trying to reinvent the wheel. The healthcare disparities are currently being addressed through nursing scholarships; nurses at booths in the farmers market giving info on blood pressure, dental and sunscreen needs; and more. A success story was shared about a man who stopped by the blood pressure booth and had his blood pressure taken. It was recommended that he see a doctor. The man came back to the booth thanking them, because he never had a need to see a doctor and this probably would have gone unchecked.

Mr. Rubi agreed that it was a good thing they are out in the community. Ms. Stevenson also stated that they use peers, teenagers to mentor younger kids in school about being healthy.

Dr. Cromartie asked if their District ever used medical Social Workers and if they had ever had a CEO. It was explained that no, but this is the first year that their District was not under a legal battle. Their District has not had a CEO since the merger; they currently function with the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Lengyel stated that he supported the sharing of programs and CEOs between Districts. Dr. Cromartie expressed his concern of giving up the Districts sovereignty. Ms. Ellis and Ms. Stevenson both opposed the idea of giving up sovereignty; it would not be a merger of Districts just sharing a CEO and programs that are up and running and are proven to be beneficial.

Mr. Reyes stated that he was not opposed to the idea of sharing CEO, but thought that there would be conflicts of interest. Dr. Cromartie added that he wants someone who could do the work, like a social worker. It was agreed that the Board would wait until the criteria for the CEO was turned in and discuss this issue at that time. The sharing of CEOs is not an absolute, programs that Districts have running can be shared. It was suggested that

their District take up the Eyeglass program that has been so successful for the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.

Dr. Cromartie is currently opposed to the sharing of CEOs; he doesn't want the District to lose its autonomy.

6. Financial Report Action Item #071103. Review and approve Audit Report for 6/30/06 Action Item #071104. Retention of Auditor for 2007-08 Action Item #071105. Approve Cost Report to State Controller's Office Action Item #071106

Mr. Reyes reported as paid and accounted for the payments of:

\$187,807 to the Contra Costa Health Services
\$3,000 to Sandi Mauricio for Fit Fest
\$3080 to Archer Norris
\$500 to Eric Akeson (Webmaster)
\$18,262.62 to John Muir Health (Partnership)
\$1,500.00 to Arlene Mose (Accountant)

He also reported that there was \$350,000.00 that the Board has on reserve.

Ms. Vera motioned the Board to approve the Financial Report. Dr. Cromartie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

Ms. Vera motioned the Board to approve the Audit Report for 6/30/06. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

Ms. Vera motioned the Board to approve the retention of the Auditor for FY 2007-08. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

Mr. Reyes moved the Board to approve the Cost Report to State Controller's Office. Ms. Vera seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

7. Approval of Revised LMCH Bylaws, Article V, Sections 1 and 2, and Article II, Section 3- Action Item # 071107

Mr. Coffey asked the Board for feedback from the revised bylaws that were presented in the October Board meeting. Mr. Reyes expressed his objection to past practices he feels that all Board members should choose committee members, not just the president. Colin needs to work the Board's feedback into the revised by laws before they are ready to approve.

Mr. Lengyel presented the Board with suggestions regarding the Bylaws revision.

A discussion took place about Board stipends and posting committee members. The Board decided to continue this discussion at the January meeting at which time there will be clarification of revision of the committees following election of officers.

Ms. Vera moved the Board to approve Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Revised LMCH Bylaws. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

8. Fit fest Report and Proposed Budget Action Item #071112

President Condit announced that Sandi Mauricio was not able to attend the meeting. The Board reviewed the proposed budget. It was noted that Ms. Mauricio was trying to get city sponsors as well as corporate sponsors for the event. Mr. Reyes moved the Board approve the Budget for the LMCHD 2008 Fit Fest. Ms. Vera seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

9. Grant Program Update

The announcement that the LMHCD Board will be accepting grant applications was published. Mr. Reyes did not like that the announcement said up to \$100,000. He felt that someone would apply for the entire \$100,000. He and Dr. Cromartie felt that it would be better to read maximum grants of \$10,000. Mr. Reyes was assured by other members of the Board that this was common practice, and if someone does apply for entire amount, the Board can always say “no.”

The Board agreed to have a Study Session regarding the grant applications received on Friday December 14, 2007.

10. Ad hoc Committee Recommendations RE: CEO/ Executive Director Position And Process For Recruitment Action Item #071108

It was suggested that there be a Job Announcement, Recruitment Plan and advertisements for the positions. Dr. Cromartie stated that Medical Social Workers should be the only ones to apply. They would be supervising interns, which would save the District a lot of money.

Mr. Reyes moved the Board to approve of the Committee Recommendations regarding the CEO/ Executive Director position and process for recruitment. Dr. Cromartie seconded the motion. The motion was not approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit
Abstain: None

11. Reconsideration of Board Action RE: for LMCHD to Purchase Death Certificates – Action Item #071109

Dr. Cromartie stated that since there were so many Items that still needed to be discussed, this item should be carried over to the December Board Meeting.

12. Award of Bid to Paint LMCHD Offices and Improvements- Action Item#071110

The Board was advised that the bid from A.V. Painting of San Rafael was the most cost effective. Dr. Cromartie was concerned that the contract advertisements should have been approved by the Board. Ms. Condit stated that Ms. Kee was asked during Board Comments at a previous meeting to put out the advertisements and here are the bids from those advertisements.

Mr. Reyes moved the Board to award the bid to repaint LMCHD offices to A.V. Painting of San Rafael. Ms. Vera seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes
Noes: Director Cromartie
Abstain: None

13. Request for Supplemental Custodial Services- Action Item #071111

It was requested that the custodian be asked to open up the bathrooms Mondays because of the New Kids meetings, and come back on Tuesday mornings to clean and lock up. This would cost the Board \$20 a month. Mr. Reyes moved the Board to approve the supplemental custodial services. Mr. Rubi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Vera, Rubi, Condit, Reyes, Cromartie
Noes: None
Abstain: None

14. Board Comments

Webmaster agreement- Mr. Akesson distributed proposals to the Board. Dr. Cromartie wants the Health Profile to be on the Web page. Mr. Lengyel really wants to see the Board meeting minutes posted. It was agreed that all of this should be on the Web Page and that in order to do so this information must be provided to the Webmaster.

Update on Property at Loveridge and Leland Avenue- Mr. Masoudi, the businessman who owns the six-foot strip at Loveridge and Leland Avenue has landscaped the property. Ms. Condit contacted Steve Harris with the County who is working with General Services to either give him the property or lease it for \$1.00 per year until the LMCHD lease runs. It was suggested that part of the lease agreement stipulate that ABC Dental will see a certain amount of Medi-Cal patients.

Fall Prevention Partnership- Kaiser, Sutter, Delta, and County started pilot project. Ms. Condit met with the fall prevention coalition which has been meeting for some time, and they will bring a proposal to the Board in February.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Salvin
Substitute Board Recording Secretary