



Mayers Memorial Hospital District

Chief Executive Officer, Interim
Louis Ward, MHA

Board of Directors

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BOARD of DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA
December 16, 2015 1:00 PM
Board Room (Fall River Mills)

Mission Statement

Mayers Memorial Hospital District serves the Intermountain area providing outstanding patient-centered healthcare to improve quality of life through dedicated, compassionate staff and innovative technology.

1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Abe Hathaway, President	
2	CALL FOR REQUEST FROM THE AUDIENCE: PUBLIC COMMENTS OR TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEMS: Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to fill out a "Request Form" prior to the beginning of the meeting (forms are available from the Clerk of the Board (M-W), 43563 Highway 299 East, Fall River Mills, or in the Board Room). If you have documents to present for the members of the Board of Directors to review, please provide a minimum of nine copies. When the President announces the public comment period, requestors will be called upon one-at-a time, please stand and give your name and comments. Each speaker is allocated five minutes to speak. Comments should be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code section 54950 et seq.) action or Board discussion cannot be taken on open time matters other than to receive the comments and, if deemed necessary, to refer the subject matter to the appropriate department for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent Board Agenda.	
3	Quarterly Hospice Report (rescheduled from October)..... Mary Ranquist, Hospice Manager	Information
4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4.1 Regular Meeting – October 28, 2015 and Special Meeting, November 18, 2015(ATTACHMENT A, B)	ACTION ITEM
5	OPERATIONS ▶ Chief's Reports (CEO, CNO, CCO, IHF CEO) (ATTACHMENT C) WRITTEN REPORT PROVIDED – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS NEED VERBALLY	Information
6	BOARD COMMITTEES: 6.1 Finance Committee – Chair Allen Albaugh 6.1.1 Committee Meeting Report 6.1.2 Oct/Nov 2015 Financial review, AP, AR and acceptance of financials (Dispersed Separately) 6.1.3 Quarterly Finance Review (Binder)..... 6.1.4 Cost Report 6.1.5 Capital Expenditure List (<i>sent as attachment</i>)..... 6.2 Strategic Planning Committee – Chair Abe Hathaway 6.2.1 Committee Meeting Report 6.2.2 Annual Board Assessment Report..... 6.3 Quality Committee – Chair Mike Kerns 6.3.1 Committee Meeting Report..... 6.3.2 Organizational Analysis/CAH Evaluation Approval (<i>Attached as PDF</i>).....	Information ACTION ITEM ACTION ITEM Information ACTION ITEM Information Information ACTION ITEM

6	OLD BUSINESS 6.1 Annual Board Bylaw Review – Final Reading..... (Attached as PDF) 6.3 Building Project/Project Manager Update.....	ACTION ITEM Information/ ACTION ITEM
7	NEW BUSINESS 7.1 Annual Organizational Meeting/Approval of Calendar (Attachment D)..... 7.2 Election of Officers/Committee Appointments..... 7.3 Notice from Mayers Memorial Hospital District to CDPH, signed by a member of the hospital board, with start date of current CEO.	ACTION ITEM ACTION ITEM ACTION ITEM
8	8.1 INFORMATION/REPORTS/BOARD EDUCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS 8.1.1 Legislative Update (Attachment E) 8.1.2 Upcoming Events/Announcements	Information/ Discussion
9	ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: 9.1 Government Code Section 54952 Quality Assurance: Quality Improvement Issues, Medical Staff Report (Dr. AJ Weinhold, Chief of Staff) 9.2 Government Code Section 54957: Personnel – Public Employee Performance Evaluation - CEO Contract	ACTION ITEMS
10	RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION	
11	ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Meeting January 27, 2016 – Fall River Mills	

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Posted/Distributed 12/10/15

Date: October 28, 2015
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Location: Mayers Memorial Hospital
Burney, California

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Hathaway called the regular meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on the above date with the following present:

Abe Hathaway, President
Mike Kerns, Vice President
Beatriz Vasquez, Secretary
Art Whitney

Board Members Absent: Allen Albaugh, Treasurer

Staff Present: Louis Ward, Interim CEO; Valerie Lakey, Board Clerk; Travis Lakey, CFO; Sherry Wilson, CNO; Keith Earnest, CCO

2. CALL FOR REQUEST FROM AUDIENCE TO SPEAK TO ISSUES OR AGENDA ITEMS:
None

3. Postpone Hospice Report to December 16, 2015

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion/second and carried, the Board of Directors accepted the following minutes

3.1 Regular Meeting – September 23, 2015; October 12, 2015 Special Meeting – (Whitney, Vasquez) – Approved All

5. OPERATIONS REPORT:

In addition to the written operations report included in the board packet, the following verbal reports and discussions are summarized below:

- ▶ **Louis Ward, Interim CEO** – Ward highlighted the surveys and POC's. He just finished SP499 report to OSHPD. The final approval of Fire Panel was approved today – OSHPD Fire Marshal was on site yesterday. Ward also reported on FAC (see finance notes) and the departmental management tool to report on management meetings and department topics. We have sent resumes to USDA for potential project managers. Ward noted the progress in ER; the new manager is in place and there has been good feedback. The department has a paramedic lead that reports to ER manager.
- ▶ **Keith Earnest, CCO** – Hospice Home Health CNA is retiring – having a current CNA taking the Home Health Certificate. Pharmacy and MERP surveys have been completed. The issue with Partnership coverage of Cardiac Rehab is still not worked out. Physical Therapy – Daryl Marzan is new manager. Looking at Interns, recruiting new grads to help fill the need for PT's.
- ▶ **Sherry Wilson, CNO** – We have developed an incentive to reduce registry for CNA's. Almost all of Annex shifts have been filled. We are adding 8th, 9th and 10th shifts and will also be offering LVN incentives. CNA class is progressing. Instructors have applied to the state for updated paperwork. Entire course will be in Burney. Class will start in January – will have CNA's ready in June. Census is at 78 – 2 pending intakes.
- ▶ **Travis Lakey, CFO** – We received the IGT money - \$1.34 Mil EHR loan paid off, will receive \$150,000 in rebate. One of Medicare payment plans paid off. \$2.6 was applied to credit line – leaving a balance of \$600,000. Will use balance to pay for operations. Spending to reduce monthly obligations. Freed up about \$80,000/month. Working on building days of cash on hand by August 2016. Working on making one of our CRNA's an employee, not contractual. A/P is \$450,000

6. BOARD COMMITTEES:

6.1 Finance Committee – Chair Allen Albaugh (Whitney reported) Reported on monthly savings, talked about purchased services.

6.1.1 Committee Meeting – (see minutes)

6.1.2 September 2015 Financials – (Whitney, Kerns) – Approved All

6.2 Strategic Planning Committee –Chair Abe Hathaway

6.2.1 Committee meeting – Discussed the building; concerns about flat roof and courtyard. HR report, recruiting employees. (see minutes)

6.3 Quality Committee – Chair Mike Kerns (Vasquez reported)

6.3.1 Committee Meeting Report – (see minutes) Heard about surveys, SNF Survey report was very detailed. Changed EMR to administrative report on the monthly agendas. Talked about Org Analysis and separating Med staff quality from regular board quality meeting.

6.3.2 MERP Update

6.3.3 Policy & Procedure Quarterly – Vasquez, Kerns

6.3.4 Policies & Procedures – Kerns, Whitney

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Annual Bylaw Review - Put the language back in regarding board member absence. Govt Code Title 1, Division 4, Article 2 ss1170 (g) – Final reading in December

7.2 Annual Board Assessment Update - Due Nov 6th. Kerns will present the final report in December.

7.3 Building Project Looking at naming opportunities for capital campaign, have not placed values yet. Need to hire construction manager – then put together RFQ. Discussed cost from previous project. Campaign Cabinet met and it went very well.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Med Staff Bylaw Approval – (Kerns, Whitney)

7.2 Med Staff Rules Approval – (Vasquez, Kerns)

7.3 Appointment of Construction Ad Hoc Committee – Hathaway, Albaugh were appointed to AdHoc Construction committee.

7.4 Approval of Board Member Travel – (Kerns, Whitney) – approved travel to ACHD leadership and annual meeting.

8. INFORMATION/BOARD EDUCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1.1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT –

Val Lakey presented a legislative update

Vasquez gave a report on her ACHD committee service

8.1 Government Code Section 54952

Adjourned to closed session 2:26 pm

Action taken:

Quality Assurance: Quality Improvement Issues, Medical Staff Report (Dr. AJ Weinhold, Chief of Staff) (Kerns, Vasquez) – **Approved All**

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(Vasquez, Kerns)

**8.2 Government Code Section 54957: Personnel – Public Employee
Performance Evaluation – Review**

▶ No Action

10. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, at the hour of 2:46 p.m., President Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting December 16, 2015 – Fall River

Date: November 18, 2015
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Location: Mayers Memorial Hospital
Fall River Mills, California

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Abe Hathaway called the regular meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. on the above date with the following present:

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Mike Kerns, Vice President
Beatriz Vasquez, Secretary
Art Whitney, Director

Board Members Absent: Allen Albaugh

Staff Present: Valerie Lakey, Board Clerk; Louis Ward, Interim CEO; Travis Lakey, CFO

2. CALL FOR REQUEST FROM AUDIENCE TO SPEAK TO ISSUES OR AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: 1:20 p.m.
Government Code Section 54957 – Personnel

4. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION
2:34 P.M. LOUIS WARD NAMED AS CEO, STILL NEGOTIATING CONTRACT

5. Workshop

Outpatient Services – Partnership grant funds – Working with OSHPD on ideas of Burney facility. Went over proposed plans for expanding OP services.

Dialysis – potentially contract out; reach out to Pit River

HGA is looking over ideas
\$100,000 from Partnership – working to get grant pushed out to December
Discussion about Telemedicine
"Partnership to You" – Telemed program with Partnership

Building Project

Went over the many items discussed in Strategic Planning committee meeting
Check references of Porter Consulting
CM Firm will select their architect firm
Point system for evaluating RFP's

Strategic Planning topics

- MVHD Board collaboration
- Clinic potential
- Times in healthcare are changing
- We are trying to work on the relationship with the clinic. Doesn't change the outcome.
- We will eventually need a rural healthcare clinic
- California Rural Health Center – phone call scheduled on Monday
- Abe discussed how to communicate with MVHD in a public setting.
- There is physician frustration
- Discussion about Canby Clinic
- Accepting Swing patients
- Mid-Level - Hospitalist – Liability Insurance issues



Mayers Memorial Hospital

Operations Report November 2015

Statistics	November YTD FY16 <i>(current)</i>	November YTD FY15 <i>(prior)</i>	November Budget YTD FY16
Surgeries <i>(including C-sections)</i>	43	37	52
➤ Inpatient	16	14	5
➤ Outpatient	27	23	47
Procedures <i>(surgery suite)</i>	87	77	85
Inpatient	840	714	892
Emergency Room	1681	1670	1650
Skilled Nursing Days	10852	11383	11112
OP Visits (OP/Lab/X-ray)	6783	6436	6990
Hospice Patient Days	891	451	424
PT	5414	4919	4850
Ambulance Runs	166	158	165

Operations District-Wide

Prepared by: **Louis Ward, MHA, Chief Executive Officer**

Over the past two months we have remained focused on delivering a new home for the much needed services of imaging, laboratory, and emergency services. We have taken a very calculated approach to the steps that will ultimately lead to a successful project. At this stage in the project we are tasked with selecting a project manager that will assist us with navigating through the future stages of the project. Once the selection of a project manager is completed we will begin working on a request for proposal (RFP). A tentative timeline is shown below.

Draft RFP | 3-1-16 thru 6-1-16

Select Design Build Firm | 6-1-16 thru 8-1-16

Design | 8-1-16 thru 1-1-17

Permit | 1-1-17 thru 10-1-17 or 4-1-17 thru 1-1-18

Construction (12 months) | 3-1-18 thru 4-1-19

Close Out (Licensing –Equipment) | 4-1-19 thru 4-30-19

Open Date | May 1, 2019

As we have talked about prior we are pushing all of our capital purchasing decisions through our Financial Advisory Committee. We have already had much success with the committee. We have finalized our Printer contract and we will be saving \$240,000 over the next 5 years with a change in vendors as well as working as a team to refine the contract. This committee was born out of a need to achieve an interprofessional collaborative view on how finances are spent as well as how we plan for future years. The committee will be made up of:

1. One Administrative Member
2. One Ancillary Dept. Member
3. One Registered Nurse Manager

4. One Finance Member
5. One Human Resources
6. One MIMF Member

The committee has been tasked with 4 primary jobs:

1. Review and vote on non-routine purchases over a \$5,000 threshold.
2. Review all new MMHD positions ensuring patient volumes are accounted for prior to the approval of additional FTE
3. Work with Managers to prepare a meaningful finance based presentation to the BOD Finance committee
4. Review all contracts that tie the district to more than \$5,000 in spend over any span of time.

The Financial Advisory Committee will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 2PM in the Fall River Board Room. We will also do a great deal of work through email in an effort to respond in a timely manner to department managers.

We are working to complete many open projects at the moment. We are calling it our January Project rollout list which constitutes many items, an updated wage scale complete with new job descriptions, new employee badges, a hospital Scorecard allowing for increased monitoring, and a management scorecard. We will be introducing and refining these concepts over the next month.

The hospital has been decorated with lights. We feel strongly that the building is a vital part of the community and thus we wanted to contribute to cheer of the season with lighting up the community building. Thanks to Maintenance for braving the cold and doing such a great job.

We have been active in our efforts to reduce spend we have historically incurred to staff travelling caregivers such as RNs and CNAs. We have introduced new incentives to ensure our own staff is working full time as well as highlighting the true costs of travelers. The Nurse managers tasked with scheduling have been meeting monthly to discuss options to share staff rather than resort to the use of registry staff. We have seen a rapid decline in spend over the past 3 months which is shown below. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on our spend as well as continue our efforts hire, educate, and retain our own staff in an effort sustain these savings and ensure local and friendly faces are treating the residents of our community.

	July	August	September	October	November
ACUTE PURCHASED SERVICES	\$26,855.00	\$28,668.00	\$12,673.00	\$3,452.00	\$6,441.00
SNF PURCHASED SERVICES	\$64,929.00	\$70,007.00	\$53,176.00	\$42,626.00	\$16,053.10
TOTAL	\$91,784.00	\$98,675.00	\$65,849.00	\$46,078.00	\$22,494.10

Dr. Watson has given the clinics notice that he will be leaving the clinics at the end of the year. I have spoken with him many times over the past month while he weighed his options. Although he is leaving the clinic, he will be growing his role with Mayers. Effective 2/1 he will be the EMCARE Director and the Mayers ER Director. He will also be scheduling an administrative day once a week which will allow us to better involve the Physicians in decision making as he will be available to participate in our strategic plan. This is a decision that he did not make lightly and we will need to continue to work out the specifics but I am confident that we are communicating well and good will come from this change.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Louis Ward, MHA; CEO



Chief Clinical Officer Report
Prepared by Keith Earnest, Pharm.D.--Chief Clinical Officer

Laboratory

- Chris Hall, Laboratory Manager, is pursuing a used MicroScan machine from Fairchild Medical Center. This machine would automate a portion of our microbiology processing.
- We have received word that Modoc Medical Center will be bringing their microbiology back in house instead of sending it to Mayers. They were without a CLS trained in microbiology for some time.
- Chris Hall continues to work on the interface issues between the new analyzer and Paragon®.

Physical Therapy

- Daryl Marzan, PT manager, is in the process of replacing the chair in the PT waiting room to accommodate their patient's needs.
- Currently we have two Physical Therapists (one staff and one registry). We are working with personnel to be fully staffed.
- The department is working with the hospital as we plan to expand clinical services to the Burney campus.

Imaging

- The temperature monitoring system has been expanded to include the medication storage areas in the imaging department.
- Doreen Parker, Imaging Manager, is exploring bringing a mobile MRI service to Mayers. We are in the preliminary stages and are analyzing out migration data and the potential return on investment.
- Dr Anwar is an interventional radiologist who will be meeting with the medical staff in January. There are several procedures that Dr Anwar could perform at Mayers, such as guided biopsies, that we are interested in exploring.

Respiratory Therapy

- Adam, Dendauw, Respiratory Therapy manager, has completed *the Individualized Quality Control Plan* for the ABG I-Stat. The CLIA standard is that two QC's are performed daily or that a plan filed. Filing the plan instead of daily testing will save approximately \$63 dollars in test cartridges daily.

Pharmacy

- The Pyxis® 3500 machines used at Mayers will reach their end of life in 2016. They operate on Windows XP and will not support newer versions of Windows and are not upgradable. Pyxis® will also stop supporting 3500. The machines will be fully depreciated May 2016. Keith Earnest, Director of Pharmacy, and Chris Broadway, IT Director, have been in negotiations with Pyxis® to lease the upgraded product.

Cardiac Rehab/Telemedicine

- Cardiac Rehab is now an service approved by Partnership. Partnership continues to deny authorizations for this service citing that cardiac rehab is not a covered benefit. Trudi Burns, Cardiac Services Manager and Michelle King are working to resolve this issue with Partnership. In the mean time, two of the patients referred have given up, one is still waiting and the forth has secondary coverage that is paying for rehab.
- Trudi Burns, Cardiac Services manager, has developed a plan to address the obsolescence of some of her aging machines.

Critical Access Hospital
Prepared by: Sherry Wilson CNO/Acute

Acute/Swing Nursing Unit

- Average daily census for November = .77
- Average length of stay for Swing patients for November = 14.31 days.
- Working with ER and OB to plan training for acute staff to cross train.
- Planning Skills Fair with other departments for January.
- Utilizing Acute LVN's in Skilled to assist with reduction of registry.

Submitted by Theresa Overton, RN, Acute Care Manager

Obstetrics

The OB department has seen a drop in census for the months of October-November with only 3 in October, 1 in November and only 1 pending in December.

Halo Sleep sacks for the purpose of the safe sleep campaign have been ordered utilizing the grant we received through First 5 Shasta complete with our logos and will be ready for use in 10-12 weeks. These swaddlers will be used here in the hospital and sent home with babies to continue to enjoy thereafter.

OB University has begun with the 4 nurses being given their first assignments due at the end of December through Beta Healthcare/Gnosis education program provided by our insured. These are standard competencies set forth by accredited organizations in the specialty and CEUs are given at completion of each module. It is my goal to have these nurses competent and comfortable in managing the OB pt by June of 2016.

I look forward to continue to strive to provide evidenced based best practices in Obstetrical Care for all of our patients in the community.

Thank You,
Holly Green BSN, RNC OB/QUALITY Director

Quality Improvement

The Quality Department has been actively learning processes to improve healthcare at MMHD. Jeanette Rodriguez and I received a scholarship from Healthcare Quality Institute to attend the HQI annual conference Respect, Reliability & Resilience where we received a lot of great information regarding quality and the issues therein.

Also, I am happy to inform that we have successfully received two HCAHPS reports and patient surveys for July-September and October-December. This is was a big necessity as it is one of the soon to be REQUIREMENTS for grant funding from the Federal Government that CAHS will need starting 2017.

The Quality department is implementing a PI, performance improvement, group that will be our FOCUS group for our incident report reviews.

FOCUS is the goal of our group **F**- Find a problem, **O**-Organized a team, **C**- Clarify the problem, **U**- Understand the problem, **S**-Select and intervention. We are in forming the group phase and will kick off meetings at the start of 2016.

Finally, I have been in contact with Jennifer Brooks, California State Office of Rural Health, Flex Program Coordinator, to network and obtain guidance for the 2016 recommendations and due dates. I am excited to be working with Jennifer and all of the resources available at my disposal with hopes to build, strengthen and achieve best care scores for our facility and community.

Thank You,
Holly Green BSN, RNC OB/QUALITY Director

Surgery

- The new operating room table was purchased, received, in-serviced and put into use. It is well liked by several physicians who have used it thus far.
- There is a chance that we may get trade in value for the two old tables. We should know this week.
- We're continuing conversations with the MVHC personnel to streamline the referral process. Surgical candidates have been bottlenecked in their facility. Surgical referrals were low in the month of Nov. We are starting to see this resolve.
- Orientation of new RN Autumn has been slow due to short staffing in other areas of the hospital.
- During our down time, staff have been updating surgical competencies, and going home early to decrease hours.
- Dr. Guthrie did not have any surgical cases in November.
- Our Colonoscopy/EGD stats are above FY15 YTD. There are also above our projected budget. □

COMMITTEE

MEETING

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MINUTES

MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2015 9:00 A.M.

BFC Attendance:
 Louis Ward, Interim CEO
 Beatriz Vasquez
 Travis Lakey, CFO

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Attachment A

Valerie Lakey, Clerk to BODs
 Art Whitney
 Other: Adam Dendauw

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CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Whitney at 9:00 AM in Fall River Mills.	
Requests from Audience to Speak	None	
Minutes	The minutes from the BFC meeting held 09.23.15 were approved. <i>(Vasquez, Whitney)</i>	Approved
Department Reports	<p>Respiratory – Adam Dendauw presented a report on the Respiratory Department <i>(Exhibit A)</i></p> <p>Marketing – Valerie Lakey presented a report on the Marketing Department <i>(Exhibit B)</i></p>	
Financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitney had questions about purchased services • Incentive plan is a temporary plan – will save about half. • Paid off EHR – save \$60,000/month; we received about \$150,000 for paying off • Paid off medicare- \$94,000 • We have previous building plan expenses totaling about \$500,000. It is very important to settle debt with OSHPD since we need to work with them on the new project. It was suggested to not book the Armour Steel expense, since we have not received an official invoice. • Travis and Louis will be meeting with OSHPD to try to reduce the balance owed • Travis and Louis met with PT's at Intermountain Physical Therapy in Burney, they may be closing their business which leads to discussion about expanding PT in Burney • One of the PT's will potentially come and work for us for about 6 months • We are working on Signage for FR PT, electronic, and Annex • We are still working on the Clinic grant and exploring options for outpatient services in Burney. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Whitney/Vasquez) – Financials, A/P, A/R – Approved All</i></p>	

MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2015 9:00 A.M.

<p>Building Project USDA Capital Campaign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Ward reported on the Building project. The team has been working with groups following the conceptual preliminary reports from HGA. Lakey and Ward have been meeting with Project Management firms. They have met with three separate options. We need a very detailed RFP for design-build to make sure we get what we want. We will need to budget hours to our advantage, be timely. • We will build up the plan a little more – then move forward to Design-Build • Met with an architecture firm in Redding. (NMR) • Talking to PGE and looking at potential “in-kind” work or reduced cost. There is some opportunity to pursue • Next steps – Have NMR come up and take a look around sometime after Thanksgiving. • Have project manager by December board meeting. RFP – April, Construction Management hired by July. • County is drafting Windmill documentation. It will be the last \$400,000 in the entire project. • Met with Marlene on Capital Campaign and naming opportunities, etc. Project was presented to the Foundation Monday, November 16th. 	
<p>Financial Advisory Committee Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAC – Louis, Travis, Adam, Lisa, Libby, Marlene. Tasks with all purchases over \$5000, contracts – looking at needs. Does volume support need? Looking at personnel. Work with Department managers for their board finance presentation. Also looking at contracts. 	
<p>Other</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am</p>	

By: Valerie Lakey, Board Clerk

**MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2015 – FALL RIVER MILLS**

BSPC Attendance:
Abe Hathaway
Mike Kerns
Louis Ward, Interim CEO

Staff Present:
Valerie Lakey, Board Clerk
Travis Lakey, CFO
Sherry Wilson, CNO

Other:
Beatriz Vasquez, PhD

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SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Hathaway at 9:32 am in Fall River Mills	
Requests Audience to Speak	None	
Minutes	October 13, 2015 Strategic Planning Committee meeting minutes. No objections – Approved (no objections)	Approved
Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Ward reported on the Building project. The team has been working with groups following the conceptual preliminary reports from HGA. Lakey and Ward have been meeting with Project Management firms. They have met with three separate options. We need a very detailed RFP for design-build to make sure we get what we want. We will need to budget hours to our advantage, be timely. • We will build up the plan a little more – then move forward to Design-Build • Met with an architecture firm in Redding. (NMR) • Talking to PGE and looking at potential “in-kind” work or reduced cost. There is some opportunity to pursue • Next steps – Have NMR come up and take a look around sometime after Thanksgiving. • Have project manager by December board meeting. RFP – April, Construction Management hired by July. • County is drafting Windmill documentation. It will be the last \$400,000 in the entire project. • Met with Marlene on Capital Campaign and naming opportunities, etc. Project was presented to the Foundation Monday, November 16th. 	Report
LAFCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for direction – should we ask for a refund on the fees we have paid? We can put in for refund and re-assess annually. SP committee decided to recommend to the board to request a refund. Follow up after the expansion is done. 	Report
Org Analysis	Val Lakey reported on the Organizational Analysis. The completed report will be presented to the full board in December.	Information

**MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

DRAFT Attachment A

QC Attendance

Mike Kerns, Board Chair
Beatriz Vasquez, PhD, Committee
Louis Ward, Interim CEO
Travis Lakey, CFO

Other Staff Present

Sherry Wilson, RN, CNO
Theresa Overton, RN, Med-Surg
Pam Sweet, Med Staff

Absent

Holly Green, Obstetrics Manager &
Quality

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SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Kerns in Fall River Mills	
Public Request to Speak	None	
Minutes	Minutes from the October 15, 2015 quality committee meeting were approved. M/S/C (Vasquez, Kerns) . All Approved	Approved
Department Reports	<p>Marketing – Val Lakey reported on how the marketing department works with other departments to keep track of quality issues. (<i>Exhibit A</i> written report)</p> <p>ED – Donna Cova reported on the Emergency Department. Staffing is a high priority. She also will be doing Competency Based Orientation and have an emphasis on education in the department. She said she is learning the EMS side of things and has been working closely with the Paramedic Lead (Gonzo). She discussed reporting and how to improve numbers on quality measures.</p> <p>HIM, Travis Lakey – (<i>Exhibit B</i>) Big item is ICD-10 – AR has grown because of the transition. There have been some issues from the clinic. He reported that the department is using MCN for policies. Lori Stephenson has 2 classes to complete her RHIT. In the interim we have an RHIT that comes quarterly. The department is finally using McKesson to do OSHPD reports.</p> <p>Med Staff, Pam Sweet – Sweet reviewed Policy & Procedure process. There have been some time issues. Managers and staff are asking good questions. In the Med Exec Secretary position, Sweet recently completed a webinar on physician data base – dealt with when we are required report.</p> <p>Outpatient Services, Kay Shannon – (<i>Exhibit C</i>). Staff is being trained and studying for certification (CWS) Nationally recognized training.</p> <p>Patient Access, Lakey – See written report (<i>Exhibit D</i>)</p> <p>Environmental Services, Rodriquez – Survey tents placed on beds after the room is cleaned. This process was discussed and it was decided to add it to the room board. It was also suggested that we could potentially put a cleaning check-off in the restroom.</p>	Reports

**MAYERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Quarterly Reports	Patient Safety/Core Measures: Wilson will meet with Green and Cova on streamlining this process.	
Standing Reports	<p>Quality – Holly Green – The first HCAPS report. Areas we need to focus on are in yellow. Focus to bring above benchmark. <i>(Exhibit E)</i></p> <p>Attended HQI Quality Institute Conference – good content and information</p> <p>SNF, Wilson – We had a surveyor here investigated self-reports. Exited and closed them all out. The first 2 quality care team meetings have been held. These meetings address falls, pressure ulcers, etc. Med Errors are down. This system is working more effectively. Both POC’s have been accepted. Wilson confirmed with state that we are cleared and paperwork has been sent to CMS.</p> <p>Administration, Ward – Improving quality of communication through a variety of ways. Financial Advisory Committee has been a benefit. We also have TEAM MAYERS – looks to recognize staff, improve morale. Swing Task Force – has shown improvement of Swing stays.</p> <p>EMR – we have met meaningful use, but need to look at new rules and see how we will move forward.</p> <p>Will be having employee meetings regarding building project, capital campaign, etc.</p> <p>Fire, Life Safety Survey – Fire panel in Burney – we checked with FRJUSD – we are going to use the same company to use the same smoke sensitivity testing. Will save us \$50,000. Will be looking to replace in 2017.</p> <p>Infection Control, Lee – Written Report <i>(Exhibit F)</i></p>	Reports
Old Business	<p>MERP Plan Review – Reviewed the binder and how it is being utilized. Each department will have a binder.</p> <p>Quality Committee structure review – Four med staff reports are required in a year. Wilson will attend both regular quality and med staff and be the liaison.</p> <p>For the Board Quality meetings, we will go back to regular schedule of the second Wednesday in Fall River beginning in January.</p>	
New Business	Organizational Analysis Update – Will be presented in December	
Closed Session	Closed Session – 12:23 pm	
Reconvene to Open Session	12:30 pm – No Action taken	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm	

Minutes By: Valerie Lakey, Board Clerk

Mayers Memorial Hospital District 2016 Board Calendar

January	February	March
<p>11 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 12 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Albaugh) 13 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 18 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 27 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 27 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING 31 - Chocolate Festival</p> <p>Education/Conferences: 21-22 - ACHD Academy 12 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>P & P Annual Reviews 8 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 10 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 24 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 24 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOD Q Finance Review • Workers Comp/Safety 6-mo <p>Education/Conferences: 9 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>8 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Vasquez) 9 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 14 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 21 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 23 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 23 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING TBA - Hospice Dinner/Dance TBA - Board Retreat</p> <p>Education/Conferences: 8 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am 15-16 - CHA Health Policy Leg. Day</p>
April	May	June
<p>9 - Health Fair 11 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 13 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 27 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 27 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospice Q Report <p>TBA - Board Retreat</p> <p>Education/Conferences: 4-5 - ACHD Leg Day 6-8 - Rural Health Care Symposium 12 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>9 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 10 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Whitney) 11 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 16 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 25 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 25 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Budget • BOD Q Finance Review <p>Education/Conferences: 1-4 - AHA Annual Membership/California Congressional Action Program 3-5 - ACHD Annual Meeting 9 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>8 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 13 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 22 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 22 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appt. Ad Hoc Committee - CEO evaluation <p>Education/Conferences: 14 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>
July	August	September
<p>11 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 12 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Kerns) 13 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 18 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 27 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 27 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 401K Annual Report • Hospice Annual YE Report <p>Education/Conferences: 12 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>8 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 10 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 20 - IHF Golf Tournament 24 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 24 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOD Q Finance Review • CEO FYE Evaluation • Workers Comp/Safety Committee FYE Report <p>Education/Conferences: 9 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>12 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 13 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Hathaway) 14 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 19 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 28 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 28 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Board Bylaws Review • Board Assessment Process <p>Education/Conferences: 13 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>
October	November	December
<p>10 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 12 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 26 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 26 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Program Evaluation • Hospice Q Report <p>TBA - Hospice Chair-ity</p> <p>Education/Conferences: 11 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>8 Tues, 6pm - Medical Staff Meeting (Albaugh) 9 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 14 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 21 Mon, 4pm - IHF Board Meeting 23 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 23 Wed, 1pm: BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee for Board Officers • BOD Q Finance Review • Cost Report to BOD <p>Education/Conferences: 8 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>	<p>12 Mon, 12pm - Strategic Planning 14 Wed, 12pm - Quality Committee 28 Wed, 9am - Finance Committee 28 Wed, 1pm - BOARD MEETING*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Organizational Mtg • Election of Officers • Independent Audit <p>Education/Conferences: 13 - Trustee Webinar, 10 am</p>

***Board Meeting Location: Burney**

Please contact Valerie Lakey, at her direct line 336-7504 if you have board calendar updates or changes.

Revised: 11/24/15

Mayers Memorial Hospital District

Holidays and Observances:

Jan 1 New Years Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 16 Presidents Day
April 5 Easter Sunday
May 10 Mother's Day

May 25 Memorial Day
June 14 Father's Day
July 4 Independence Day
Sept 7 Labor Day
Oct 12 Columbus Day
Oct 31 Halloween

Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 31 New Year's Eve

Mayers Memorial Hospital District

Regular Meetings 2016 – Board of Directors

January 27	Fall River Mills
February 24	Burney
March 23	Fall River Mills
April 27	Burney
May 25	Fall River Mills
June 22	Burney
July 27	Fall River Mills
August 24	Burney
September 28	Fall River Mills
October 26	Burney
November 23	Fall River Mills
December 28	Burney

*All regular meetings start at 1pm.

Note: These dates are the *regular meeting* dates per District Bylaws.

Dates are subject to change specified in a resolution by the Board.



Key State Issues

Latest News on Key Bills in the State Legislature



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October 16, 2015

During the final month of the 2015 legislative session, lawmakers sent 940 bills to Gov. Brown to sign or veto by the Oct. 11 deadline. In the end, the Governor signed 807 regular session bills and vetoed 133. In a major victory for California hospitals, the Governor signed SB 327, the meal period bill. For an online version of this report that can be filtered by topic and is updated daily, visit www.calhospital.org/key-state-issues.

Bill No.	Author		Location/Action	CHA Position	Staff Contact
Care Coordination					
SB 675	Liu (D-La Cañada Flintridge)	Will require hospitals to record the name of a family caregiver, if any; notify the caregiver upon patient discharge; and provide information and instructions on post-hospital care needs, as appropriate.	Signed by the Governor October 4 (Chapter 494).	Neutral, As Amended	Pat Blaisdell/ Barbara Glaser
Community Benefits					
AB 1046	Dababneh (D-Encino)	Would align California's community benefit requirements with the federal Affordable Care Act; would streamline reporting mandates and provide greater transparency and consistency in the reporting and disclosure of investments made by nonprofit hospitals to strengthen the health and well-being of their communities.	Two-year bill.	Sponsor	Amber Kemp/ Kathryn Scott
SB 346	Wieckowski (D-Fremont)	Would rewrite California's existing community benefit law to expand community benefit requirements to nonprofit multispecialty clinics; would limit charity care to a multiplier of Medicare reimbursement and exclude the unreimbursed cost to hospitals for providing services to Medi-Cal patients.	Failed passage in Senate Health Committee April 29. Reconsideration granted.	Oppose	Amber Kemp/ Kathryn Scott
Emergency Services					
AB 172	Rodriguez (D-Pomona)	Would have made an assault committed against a physician, nurse or other health care worker of a hospital or county jail, who is engaged in providing services within the emergency department, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, a fine not exceeding \$2,000, or both.	Vetoed by the Governor on October 10.	Support	Gail Blanchard-Saiger/ BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
AB 503	Rodriguez (D-Pomona)	Will permit hospitals to release patient-identifiable medical information to pre-hospital emergency medical services providers, to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and to local emergency medical services agencies for quality assessment and improvement purposes.	Signed by the Governor September 30 (Chapter 362).	Sponsor	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
AB 579	Obermolte (R-Big Bear Lake)	Would create an exception to permit a general acute care hospital to operate an emergency department if all applicable licensure and building code requirements are satisfied.	Two-year bill.	Sponsor	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado

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Bill No.	Author		Location/Action	CHA Position	Staff Contact
Emergency Services (continued)					
AB 658	Wilk (R-Santa Clarita)	Existing law establishes a default payment rate to be paid by local law enforcement to hospitals for noncontracted emergency health care services. Under AB 658, hospitals will have the option to use either the OSHPD cost-to-charge ratio or a current approved cost-to-charge ratio from the Medicare program for noncontracted emergency services, to calculate the rate to be paid by law enforcement agencies.	Signed by the Governor July 16 (Chapter 119).	Sponsor	Amber Ott/ Barbara Glaser
End-of-Life/Palliative Care					
ABX2 15	Eggman (D-Stockton)	Introduced August 17, this special session bill enacts the End of Life Option Act authorizing an adult who meets certain qualifications, and who has been determined by their attending physician to be suffering from a terminal disease, to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending their own life. ABX2 15 is substantially the same as SB 128 (Wolk, D-Davis).	Signed by the Governor October 5 (Chapter 1).	Oppose	Jackie Garman/ Barbara Glaser
SB 128	Wolk (D-Davis)	Would enact the End of Life Option Act authorizing adults who meet certain qualifications, and who have been determined by their attending physician to be suffering from a terminal illness, to make a request for medication for the purpose of ending their own life. Would provide that such a death would have no effect on a will, health care service plan or health insurance contract, and would provide civil and criminal immunity.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Jackie Garman/ Barbara Glaser
Health Coverage					
AB 533	Bonta (D-Alameda)	Attempts to address "surprise billing" by out-of-network providers. The introduced version of the bill contained ambiguities that could have been interpreted to impose obligations on network hospitals to provide information they do not have and/or cannot obtain for noncontracted physicians. Amended April 15 for clarification, the bill would apply only to noncontracting individual health professionals, not to hospitals.	Two-year bill.	Neutral, As Amended	Dietmar Grellmann
AB 1027	Gatto (D-Glendale)	Would require a health plan, at the consumer's request, to provide information on the contracted rate between the plan and a provider or supplier for a procedure or course of treatment.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Dietmar Grellmann
AB 1086	Dababneh (D-Encino)	Would require health plans to honor a patient's assignment of benefits from a health plan to a physician if the patient is provided with a disclosure that the patient may be responsible for additional out-of-network costs.	Failed passage in Assembly Health Committee April 28. Reconsideration granted.	Follow, Hot	Dietmar Grellmann
SB 137	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Will require health plans to maintain accurate online and paper provider directories. Plans are required to notify contracted providers annually about information that will be included in the directory, and the provider must confirm its accuracy or provide updated information. If the provider does not respond and specified efforts to contact the provider have failed, a one month claim payment delay may be imposed. The delayed payment must be made within three days of a provider response.	Signed by the Governor October 8.	Neutral	Dietmar Grellmann
SB 546	Leno (D-San Francisco)	Will require health plans and insurers in the large group market to submit rate filings to regulators. Will also require public disclosure of rate increases and supporting cost data.	Signed by the Governor October 11 (Chapter 801).	Follow	Dietmar Grellmann

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Health Facilities					
AB 81	Wood (D-Healdsburg)	Will extend the seismic safety deadline for a new hospital in Willits to Sept. 15, 2015, which will provide time to complete construction that is already 90 percent complete. Will allow the hospital to remain fully operational while meeting the new deadline, keeping health care accessible to rural communities within the county.	Signed by the Governor July 13 (Chapter 63).	Support	Cheri Hummel/ Kathryn Scott
AB 232	Obermole (R-Big Bear Lake)	Existing law authorizes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) to grant an additional two-year extension to the seismic mandate in specified circumstances. AB 232 will authorize a critical access hospital located in the City of Tehachapi to resubmit to OSHPD its application for an extension to January 1, 2020.	Signed by the Governor on October 7 (Chapter 555).	Support	Cheri Hummel/ Barbara Glaser
SB 483	Beall (D-San Jose)	Would require a general acute care hospital to obtain approval to provide supplemental services in an observation unit. Would require hospitals to submit financial reports to OSHPD, designate observation beds, limit observation stays to 24 hours and establish staffing ratios for observation.	Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee May 28.	Oppose	Debby Rogers/ Connie Delgado
Labor					
AB 304	Gonzalez (D-San Diego)	Will amend the paid sick leave law that went into effect July 1, 2015. Will alter the requirements for the rate at which paid sick leave is paid, as well as the accrual requirements when an employer relies on an existing paid time off policy.	Signed by the Governor July 13 (Chapter 67).	Follow, Hot	Gail Blanchard- Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
AB 850	Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles)	Would require general acute care hospitals to provide health care workers who enter the room of a specified patient with specified personal protection equipment and a powered air purifying respirator. Would exceed the protection requirements established by the CDC, CDPH and the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Disease Standard.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Gail Blanchard- Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
SB 327	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Will reject the adverse meal period decision in Gerard v. Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, wherein the court invalidated the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) regulation allowing employees in the health care industry to waive one of their two meal periods, even when their shift exceeds 12 hours — a regulation in place since 1993. This bill will clarify that the IWC's regulation has been valid since October 2000, and that hospitals, other health care employers and employees may rely on the validity of their voluntary meal period waivers.	Signed by the Governor October 5 (Chapter 506).	Sponsor	Gail Blanchard- Saiger/ Kathryn Scott
Medi-Cal					
AB 366	Bonta (D-Alameda)	Substantially amended in Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would now require the Department of Health Care Services to annually submit to the Legislature a monitoring report providing an assessment of access to care in Medi-Cal and identifying a basis to evaluate the adequacy of Medi-Cal reimbursement rates and the existence of other barriers.	Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee August 27.	Support	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser

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Medi-Cal (continued)					
SB 36	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Will permit the director of DHCS to request one or more temporary waiver extensions to continue the operation of the current waiver, the "California Bridge to Reform Demonstration," until the approved effective date of the subsequent waiver.	Signed by the Governor October 10 (Chapter 759).	Support	Amber Kemp/ Barbara Glaser
SB 243	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would repeal implementation of prior year Medi-Cal rate reductions, which include the 10 percent reduction to Medi-Cal providers and the retroactive amount owed to the state by hospital-based SNFs; increase payment rates for outpatient health care providers to that of Medicare payment levels; increase hospital Medi-Cal DRG rates on a one-time basis and require annual increases thereafter; and require the state to reimburse Medi-Cal managed care plans at the upper end of their rate range.	Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee May 28.	Support	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
SB 586	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would eliminate the sunset of the "carve out" of the California Children's Services program from Medi-Cal managed care. Would require DHCS to contract with one or more Kids Integrated Delivery Systems to provide integrated care that includes existing CCS benefits and all other health care services provided under Medi-Cal.	Two-year bill.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
Medical Waste					
SB 225	Wieckowski (D-Fremont)	Will clarify the type of bio-hazardous bag that can be used in hospitals and the type of shipping documents required for medical waste transport, and make other clarifying amendments to the Medical Waste Management Act.	Signed by the Governor September 28 (Chapter 352).	Sponsor	Cheri Hummel/Kathryn Scott
Mental Health					
AB 1193	Eggman (D-Stockton)	Would require each county to implement Laura's Law provisions unless it elects not to participate by enacting a resolution passed by the county board of supervisors that states the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances considered in the decision.	Held on Suspense in Assembly Appropriations Committee May 28.	Support	Sheree Kruckenberg
AB 1194	Eggman (D-Stockton)	Will clarify involuntary commitment laws and help county mental health departments, law enforcement jurisdictions, local county counsel and officers of superior courts to more consistently evaluate and determine an individual's level of dangerousness, including consideration of the historical course of a person's mental health disorder.	Signed by the Governor October 7 (Chapter 570).	Support	Sheree Kruckenberg
AB 1300	Ridley-Thomas (D-Los Angeles)	Would modernize sections 5150, 5151 and 5152 of the Welfare and Institutions Code under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act. Would clarify and better define the 5150 detention process to establish consistent application statewide and ensure patients receive the most appropriate care in the least restrictive environment.	Two-year bill.	Sponsor	Sheree Kruckenberg

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Nursing Services					
AB 1306	Burke (D-Inglewood)	Would remove the physician supervision requirement for certified nurse midwives (CNMs) by allowing them to manage a full range of primary health services, perform peripartum care, provide emergency care when a physician is not present, and perform and repair episiotomies in all practice settings. As amended May 28, the bill subjects CNMs to a ban on corporate practice. Such a ban would be an unwarranted and precedent-setting expansion of the corporate practice ban and would create an artificial and unnecessary barrier to employment options for CNMs.	Two-year bill.	Oppose	Jackie Garman/David Perrott/Connie Delgado
SB 323	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would allow nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training to ensure access to health care delivery systems for millions of Californians who now have access to coverage under the ACA.	Two-year bill.	Support	BJ Bartleson/ Connie Delgado
Pharmacies					
AB 258	Levine (D-San Rafael)	Will prohibit a hospital, physician or other participant in the organ transplant process from denying patients' eligibility as organ recipients based solely on their use of medical marijuana, unless the use is clinically significant to that decision.	Signed by the Governor July 7 (Chapter 51).	Follow, Hot	David Perrott
Public Health					
AB 508	Garcia (D-Bell Gardens)	Would establish the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) within CDPH. Would require CMQCC to establish a statewide system for collecting and maintaining data related to, among other things, pregnancy-related maternal deaths. Would require hospitals that provide obstetrical services to submit information on maternal mortality to CMQCC each month.	Two-year bill.	Follow, Hot	David Perrott
AB 521	Nazarian (D-Sherman Oaks)	Would have required hospitals to offer an HIV test to every patient who has blood drawn after being admitted to a hospital from the emergency department. If the patient consents, the hospital would have been required to conduct the test and provide results before the patient leaves the hospital or, if that is not possible, by mail or telephone. In addition, the provider or person administering the test would have been required to ensure that the patient receives timely information and counseling, as appropriate, to explain the results and implications for the patient's health.	Vetoed by the Governor October 11.	Oppose	David Perrott
SB 277	Pan (D-Sacramento)	Will eliminate the exemption from immunization based on personal beliefs, but will allow exemption from future immunization requirements deemed appropriate by CDPH for either medical reasons or personal beliefs. Will exempt students in home-based private schools and students enrolled in independent study programs from the prohibition.	Signed by the Governor June 30 (Chapter 35).	Support	David Perrott

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Public Health (continued)					
SB 792	Mendoza (D-Artesia)	Will protect children in day care centers and family day care homes from the threat of infectious diseases by requiring employees to be immunized in accordance with the CDC schedule for routine adult immunizations. Under the current mandate for immunizations for specific infectious diseases, the Legislature's intent was to provide a means to eventually achieve total immunization of appropriate age groups against several infectious diseases, including hepatitis B, measles, pertussis and others.	Signed by the Governor October 11 (Chapter 807).	Support	David Perrott
Skilled-Nursing Facilities					
AB 927	McCarthy (D-Sacramento)	Would expand disclosure requirements for applicants for a license to operate a skilled-nursing facility. Would require an application be denied if a person named in the application was a director, officer, general partner or owner of even limited interest in a licensee or parent organization of a licensee of a facility, during the seven-year period prior to the application, during which that facility had a violation that resulted in specified actions or outcomes.	Two-year bill.	Follow, Hot	Pat Blaisdell/ Jackie Garman/ Barbara Glaser
AB 1518	(Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care)	Would increase access to the home and community-based Medi-Cal Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital Waiver by increasing the number of authorized waiver slots and requiring an expedited authorization process for patients in acute care hospitals who are awaiting discharge to a skilled-nursing facility.	Two-year bill.	Support	Pat Blaisdell/ Jackie Garman/ Barbara Glaser
SB 779	Hall (D-Los Angeles)	Would require CDPH to develop staff-to-patient ratio regulations for certified nursing assistants in freestanding skilled-nursing facilities that would increase required nurse staffing to 4.1 hours per patient day.	Held on Suspense in Senate Appropriations Committee May 28.	Neutral, As Amended	Pat Blaisdell/ Jackie Garman/ Barbara Glaser
Tobacco Tax Issues					
ABX2 16	Bonta (D-Alameda)	Would raise the cost of a pack of cigarettes by \$2 and would impose a tax on e-cigarettes. The tax increase is projected to raise about \$1.5 billion in the first year, with the money benefitting anti-smoking programs, health services for low-income families and tobacco-related medical research. This bill is one of several tobacco-related bills in the special session on health care.	To be heard in Assembly Public Health and Developmental Services Committee.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
ABX2 19	Bonta (D-Alameda)	Would establish a new managed care organization provider tax, to be administered by the Department of Health Care Services in consultation with the Department of Managed Health Care. The provider tax will be assessed by the department on licensed health care service plans and managed care plans contracted with the department to provide Medi-Cal services. Would require health plans to report to the department specified enrollment information on a quarterly basis.	To be heard in Assembly Public Health and Developmental Services Committee.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser
SBX2 13	Pan (D-Sacramento)	SBX2 13 is identical to ABX2 16.	To be heard in Senate Public Health and Developmental Services Committee.	Follow, Hot	Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser

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Bill No.	Author		Location/Action	CHA Position	Staff Contact
Tobacco Tax Issues (continued)					
ABX2 14	Hernandez (D-Azusa)	Would implement a \$2 per pack increase in the tobacco tax, estimated to generate more than a billion dollars annually, as well as an equivalent tax increase on e-cigarette products. A portion of the revenue would go toward increasing Medi-Cal reimbursement rates. The remainder would go toward existing tobacco-funded programs. Would also extend the tax on Managed Care Organizations to provide additional money for the health care system and an increase of \$230 million annually for regional centers and providers of services to the developmentally disabled. The MCO tax proposal generates \$1.3 billion annually.	On the Senate Floor Follow, Hot (Special Session).		Anne McLeod/ Barbara Glaser