



Board Informational Report

By: Harry Weis
CEO

DATE: 9/19/17

Fall is arriving this week and our health system has on an overall basis had a busy summer.

I am very appreciative on behalf of our hospital system and all residents of our region that our health system has just completed 2 back to back high performance years that are approximately 10 fold better than the average annual performance of the previous 66 years of the District. These results allow us to take a deeper and more rapid look and act on critical needs to serve our region better.

As I've been here just under 2 years, I believe now is a very good time to bring in an outside firm to perform an organizational review that will greatly assist me in the context of our progress to date and our critical work to be done over the next several years. I believe this external review and commentary back to me will be invaluable for our long term success.

We continue to make repairs for the winter including roofs where applicable, back-up generator for our child care center and many other repairs. We have internal construction for our pharmacy to meet changing regulatory requirements as well.

This fiscal year will be very important as far as our master plan goes as we need to begin to see remodel and construction commence on the second floor of the cancer center, the 3rd floor of the MOB, improvements in our Ortho building etc. We need these improvements to be fully completed as quickly as possible.

As of the date of this memo, we are 42 days out from the major "go live" of our EPIC electronic healthcare record and several business software applications.

We are proposing that we share detailed updates for discussion and input from the Board, each month, where one of our six critical strategies is discussed each month. This month a presentation will occur on our electronic health record key strategy.

Another key service improvement for all residents in our community is a central scheduling program for the health system. This new service will have many new benefits for residents to access our health system. We will plan to have an educational item for the board on this no later than December.

Our Community Needs Assessment process across our region continues to be underway. This survey general occurs every 3 years. So please watch for more news and findings on this topic.

I attended several meetings last week with the Association of CA Healthcare Districts in San Diego we work across the state to improve the plight of CA District hospitals in the years to come with the myriad of state and federal regulation that is rapidly evolving. I have been asked to be an Officer of this District Healthcare Association to serve as Treasurer and to on Governance and Advocacy committee activities as well.

We are keeping our eye on federal activities as the Affordable Care Act and successor legislation is being drafted with the hope of passage.