

**Redbud Health Care District
Regular Meeting Board of Directors
August 28, 2012**

Present: Conrad Colbrandt, John Eckhardt, Sue Burton, Fred Poucher

Absent: Mark Holloway

Chairman Conrad Colbrandt convened meeting at 9:30 a.m.

MOTION, by John Eckhardt, approve minutes of meeting held July 24, 2012. Seconded by Fred Poucher. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider RFA 2013-0018 Any Positive Change – Needle exchange program

Annina van Voorene was present to talk about the program and answer any questions. Any Positive Change was awarded the Stars of Lake County. Annina brought in the trophy to show the Board. Annina is the founder of Any Positive Change. She became aware of the high HIV rate in Lake County which was directly connected to injection drug use. Any Positive Change is a rural street based reduction program which has been serving the residents of Lake County since 1995. Any Positive Change was finally recognized by the County of Lake Health Services Department “as a bona fide organization” with the knowledge and ability to provide syringe exchange services to the community.

The fact that injection drug users make use of the syringe exchange is in itself a positive step in taking responsibility. Any Positive Exchange clearly has the pulse and trust of the injection drug using community and can provide the window and opportunity for change. Needle exchange does not condone drug use.

Any Positive Change serves all the residents of Lake County but the majority of the consumers are in the Clearlake area. In 2011, over 97,000 syringes were exchanged and over 100,000 syringes were retrieved for disposal. Any Positive Change has exchanged over half a million syringes since its inception.

Syringe exchange programs, have proven to be a valuable and cost effective means of protecting public health. The existence of a lean needle program insures that a syringe is a valuable commodity; one must turn in a used needle to obtain a clean needle. Any Positive Change has not received any city, county, state or federal funding.

The \$25,000.00 Any Positive Change is requesting from the District will fund the supplies needed to run the needle exchange program. The monies will also cover the cost of the cell phone, printing and copying, and the purchase of harm reduction pamphlets. In addition, training and education are critical to their effort. Several times a year, Any Positive Change transport active drug users to Oakland to participate in trainings offered by the Harm Reduction Coalition

A clean syringe program is a low profile health option with major benefits to reducing medical costs to the local community. Any Positive Change accepts the challenge and affirms that needle exchange is the right thing to do, morally, ethically and scientifically.

MOTION, by Sue Burton, at this time our finances are such that it doesn't fall in line with our current priorities and obligations. John Eckhardt seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider reaffirmation of compliance with Ralph M. Brown Act.

Organizations are supposed to be reimbursed by the State every time an agenda is posted, but the State has not reimbursed anyone since 2005. Our intent is to continue to comply.

MOTION, by Sue Burton, to reaffirm our intent to continue to comply. Seconded by John Eckhardt. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider financial statements from Grantees

- Community Care HIV/AIDS Program
- Middletown High School Safe and Sober Grad Night

MOTION, by Sue Burton that financials are reasonable and acceptable. John Eckhardt seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider rezoning status and letter from legal counsel Ralph Ferguson

Conference call with Ralph Ferguson

Conrad – We just went to the two map versions. We want to go with option 2 and move the lines a little bit.

Ralph – What does map 2 do for the individual directors presently?

Conrad – Map 2 keeps Hidden Valley Lake all together. Zone 1 has grown significantly from rural to vacation area. We would like to leave Zone 3 as it is now.

Ralph – Draw in your suggestions. We couldn't get within 100' without splitting up precincts.

Conrad – What we have done is we have made changes to this map a little this morning. We will get this map to Lon Sharp. We will put this off until January. Right now Dianne Fridley is putting everything together for the November elections. I don't think she has time to be slitting precincts right now.

Ralph – I think what she would do is take a look at anything that we suggest.

Conrad – I'm looking at the first of the year.

Ralph – Other than demographic issues are there any other places on the map that we should be looking at?

Conrad – Zone 5, we want to keep Hidden Valley Lake together. That is a gated community. Map one splits Hidden Valley, so I think it is best to keep that together. It does split part of Middletown. It mostly splits the mountain people from the flatlanders. New Zone 3 needs a little adjustment so the lower income people are together.

Ralph – What would that make the population in Zone 5?

Conrad – 6,800, which is pretty close to the target.

Ralph – That is actually right on the target. What about Zone 4 ? You think that most of 4 is demographically fine?

Conrad – It needs to be moved a little bit into Zone 3.

Ralph – One of the easiest ways to do this is by shifting the boundary by the next major road. We are talking about Zone 3 and taking a look at that section on the corner of the lake.

Conrad – Those are all trailer parks.

Ralph – Who is in Zone 3?

Conrad – John is in Zone 3. What they have done with this is they have split downtown into two different groups. Downtown kind of overruns everybody else.

Ralph – Is there a way to fix that?

Conrad – If we could split 1, 2 and 3. We only need to adjust the lines a little bit from the way they are now. Right now, at Zone 4, it is mostly residential, there are only a few commercial properties. So, anyway, we have all our lines drawn in.

Ralph – The best thing to do next is, we should sit down with what you guys have and take a look at a more detailed map of the area and make sure that what we are talking about is easily done. It looks like there are little zigs and drops reading the map.

Conrad – We basically need to sketch our own and tell Lon Sharp to go back to the drawing board and work with Dianne. Basically this thing is going to be put on hold until after the first of the year. Lon can start working on it, but Dianne won't be able to give him much time in the next two months.

Ralph – I will talk with her and see how much that kind of work she thinks can be done by her people.

Conrad – As long as we make the request to the County.

Ralph – Do you have three reappointments?

Conrad – Yes we do. People don't run for these kind of offices because they don't get paid.

Ralph – You just need dedicated people.

Sue – We need to get back to the map.

Ralph – Absolutely. Any other demographic issues of any sort?

Conrad – Zone 1 is mostly rural so we would like it to stay mostly rural. We will sketch this out and give it to Lon, do a cover letter and we will ask the County to work on it at their earliest convenience.

Ralph – Would you put somewhere in the letter that Lon can speak with me. When you have that done why don't we get together and talk.

Sue – OK. Sounds good to me.

Ralph – Good bye.

Conrad – Good bye.

Discuss and consider changes to Employee Handbook

The Board agreed the employee handbook should be tabled until the September meeting.

Citizen Input

None

Board Discussion

Conrad Colbrandt, Fred Poucher and David Santos met to discuss the Fire Districts. David Santos said that Willie Sapeta has agreed to have Veri Health have an ambulance at the county line in case they are needed in this county.

Conrad also said that we are going to work with Smith & Comstock because there is a 20% to 30% no shows at the clinic due to transportation problems.

Closed Session – Discuss personnel matters

Report on closed session

Only action taken

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Holloway, Secretary

