

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Del Norte Healthcare District
May 27, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Directors Babich, Caldwell, Young and Chair Pearcey
Director Mason came in 10 minutes late.
All Present.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Danelle Preston from Sutter Coast Hospital: Sutter Coast Hospital received national accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education for a new family medicine rural residency program set to start in 2026. The program represents a strategic opportunity to address physician shortages as rural communities face persistent gaps accessing primary care. It also helps increase training pathways in areas like Crescent so more patients may benefit from sustained high quality care. The three year program will begin recruiting physician residents in fall 2025 via the National Residency Match Program. The program aims to train six residents, focusing on two residents per year.

Swim club: There was a change in request for funds requested for swimming club equipment. I would like to submit additional funds request for the 2025-2026 budget.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - a. Ratification of invoices paid from 4/17/2025 – 5/21/2025.
 - b. Approval of financial report for April 2025.

Director Caldwell made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Babich seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.
5. **REVIEW/POSSIBLE REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2025, MEETING.**

Director Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director

Young seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Open Door: Nothing at this time.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Directors Young & Caldwell)

1. Discussion/Review of the Proposed 2025 – 2026 Budget.

Discussion from Chair Young of preview of upcoming 2025-2026 budget.
Budget to be approved at June 24, 2025 meeting.

2. Discussion/Approval of Proposal For Funding Gateway Education Programs in the amount of \$50,336.00 (Ron Cole).

Item to be submitted and considered for final 2025-2026 budget approval.

3. Discussion/Approval of request from College of the Redwoods in the Amount of \$10,000.00 for continued support for the nursing program.

Item to be submitted and considered for final 2025-2026 budget approval.

4. Discussion/Possible action on a request from Anna Porter for “The Blueberry Legacy” in the amount of \$5,000.00. (Director Babich).

Item to be submitted and considered for final 2025-2026 budget approval.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE: (Chair Pearcey & Director Babich)

Nothing at this time.

C. HEALTHCARE EXPANSION:

1. Community Food Council: (Directors Caldwell and Babich)

- a. Discussion/Possible action on a request for funding support from Andrea Lanctot (DNATL CFC) for nutrition incentive programs and Farmers market development in the amount of \$6,400.00.

Director Babich made a motion to approve the request for \$6,400.00 from the DNATL CFC for the nutrition programs and farmers market development. Director Mason seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5 – 0.

2. Recruitment and Retention: (Director Caldwell)

Hilda from Open Door requested information regarding physician loan repayment. She will need to contact Humboldt Area Foundation directly.

3. Mental/Public Health Updates: (Janel Obenchain)

The next C.H.I.P. process meeting will be June 12, 2025 for follow up.

D. HEALTH PROMOTION:

1. Swimming Programs: (Director Young)

William Morris,

Swim program Stats: 15,000.00 swim lessons, 1,200.00 Senior passes and 100 guest per Saturday swims.

2. Non-emergency Transport: (Director Young)

Waiting for a 2024-2025 invoice for services. There will be more discussion for routes being used to Eureka and Medford.

8. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Chair Pearcey and Director Mason formed Ad-Hoc committee to inspect the District properties for repairs.

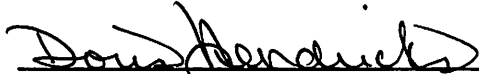
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

11. **INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:** Director Young: application and requested items need to be based on new time lines for the agendas.
Director Caldwell discussed the lack of respect and appreciation that the volunteer fire fighters are receiving in the public.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:
13. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:
14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OF ANY ACTION:
15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Doris Hendricks, Executive Secretary

Minutes approved by:



Dave Mason, Board Secretary