



**SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014
8:00 AM**

**LOCATION: 1ST FLOOR SOLARIUM
347 ANDRIEUX STREET, SONOMA, CA 95476**

AGENDA ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	
MISSION STATEMENT <i>The mission of the SVHCD is to maintain, improve, and restore the health of everyone in our community.</i>		
1. CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Boerum	
2. PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION <i>At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Committee at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Committee consideration.</i>	Boerum	
3. CONSENT CALENDAR A. GC Meeting Minutes, 8.26.14	Boerum	Action
4. MEDIA POLICY	Hohorst	Inform/Action
5. ORIENTATION BINDER AND REFERENCE GUIDE	Hohorst	Inform/Action
6. BOARD RETREAT	Hohorst	Inform/Action
7. ACHD GOVERNANCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	Boerum	Inform/Action
8. ADJOURN	Boerum	

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CONSENT



SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 8:30 AM
LOCATION: 1ST FLOOR SOLARIUM, 347 ANDRIEUX
STREET, SONOMA, CA

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Administrative Staff Present
Bill Boerum Peter Hohorst		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	CONCLUSIONS/ ACTION	FOLLOW- UP
MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS			
1. CALL TO ORDER	<i>Boerum</i>		
	Meeting called to order at 8:00AM		
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:	<i>Boerum</i>		
	None		
3. CONSENT CALENDAR	<i>Boerum</i>	Action	
A. GC Meeting Minutes, 7.29.14 B. AC Charter	Bring approved AC Charter to Board on 9/4/14 for approval.	MOTION by Hohorst to approve Consent Calendar. All in favor.	
4. BOARD ORIENTATION OUTLINE		Action	
		MOTION by Hohorst to approve Outline. All in favor.	
5. FACILITY CONTRACTING POLICY	<i>Boerum/Hohorst</i>	Inform/Action	
	Mr. Hohorst has written to two districts for information on their contracting policy and is still awaiting word back from them.		
6. CONTRACTING APPROVAL MATRIX	<i>Boerum/Hohorst</i>	Inform/Action	
	Put forward		
7. CONTRACTING PROCEDURES REVIEW	<i>Boerum/Hohorst</i>	Inform/Action	
	The Governance Committee will recommend to the Board on 9/4/14 that this policy not be changed.		
8. ADJOURN	<i>Boerum</i> Meeting adjourned at 8:40am. Next meeting October, 28 2014		

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MEDIA POLICY



Meeting Date: **October 28, 2014**
Prepared by: Peter Hohorst
Agenda Item Title: Media Relations Policy

Recommendations:

The Governance Committee recommends that the Board approve the Media Relations Policy.

Background:

At the January Board meeting the Board directed “the CEO, with the assistance of the Hospital’s professional media relations consultant, to develop draft policies for the District/Hospital to bring to the Governance Committee (GC) no later than the February 2014 GC meeting. This draft policy shall include everything that the CEO, with the input of the media relations consultant, believes should be included in such a policy”.

At the February 2014 Governance Committee meeting Bob Kenny, the media relations consultant presented a draft Media Relations Policy for review. The Policy with a few minor edits is recommended to the Board for approval by the Committee.

Consequences of Negative Action/Alternative Actions:

Without a policy all media communications will not be consistent and may not be transparent.

Financial Impact:

None

Attachment:

Draft Media Relations Policy

Sonoma Valley Health Care District And Hospital

Media Communications Policy

DRAFT (2/25/14)

POLICY #	POLICY NAME	ISSUE DATE	REVISION DATE	DEPARTMENT
	Media Communications			Organizational

1.0 PURPOSE

To identify procedures for communicating information to the public and stakeholders through the news media about the decisions, actions and programs undertaken by Sonoma Valley Health Care District and Hospital.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 This policy applies to all media-based public communications for Sonoma Valley Health Care District and Hospital. For purposes of this policy, “news media” will be defined as:

- 2.1.1 Local, regional and national news and feature media, both print and electronic
- 2.1.2 Industry news media and websites
- 2.1.3 SVH/Board website
- 2.1.4 Social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter)

3.0 POLICY

3.1 It is the policy of the Sonoma Valley Health Care District and Hospital to provide accurate and timely information to the media in order to foster and maintain open communications and provide transparency for the media and the public. The District and Hospital also believe it is important to regularly communicate information about Hospital programs and service offerings to community members and stakeholders.

- 3.1.1 The District and Hospital will be accessible to the media and public to respond to inquiries and address issues relevant to its mission, policies and decisions.
- 3.1.2 The District and Hospital will disseminate news and information to the media and public about its decisions, policies and activities in a timely manner.
- 3.1.3 The District and Hospital will respond to media inquiries in a timely manner but with the understanding that the District/Hospital may require time to formulate a response.
- 3.1.4 All District and Hospital communications will adhere to HIPAA guidelines. (A useful reference is the California Hospital Association publication, “Guide to Release of Patient Information to the Media.”)

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The CEO is responsible for ensuring that all communications are in compliance with the Media Communications Policy. The CEO will identify Staff and/or Consultants who will have responsibility for planning and executing District/Hospital communications through the media.

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- 4.1.1 In this document, “Hospital Communications” refers both to Hospital Communications Staff and Communications Consultants designated by CEO to work with the media on behalf of District and Hospital.
- 4.1.2 Hospital Communications will ensure that District/Hospital external communications, including announcements and press releases, are communicated to the proper individuals and in the proper language that meets with District/Hospital goals, strategies, legal and regulatory requirements and policies. Hospital Communications will determine appropriate media distribution of announcements.

Hospital Communications duties will entail but are not limited to the following:

- 4.1.3 Plan, recommend, implement and report on public communications initiatives that enhance media and public understanding of the District and Hospital and the role each plays in serving the health and wellbeing of the community.
- 4.1.4 Develop and present to District Board an annual communications plan encompassing both public information and marketing communications strategies and initiatives. CEO will report results to District Board as part of monthly reports.
- 4.1.5 Disseminate news to all media about District/Hospital announcements, decisions and initiatives.
- 4.1.6 Maintain current list of local/regional media and key contacts, with information on deadline requirements, for dissemination of District/Hospital news.
- 4.1.7 Maintain Hospital’s presence through online media including social media as appropriate.
- 4.1.8 Regularly update information on Hospital website and Facebook page.
- 4.1.9 Assist CEO or District Board members in preparing for media interviews.
- 4.1.10 Provide communications support to Hospital Foundation.

5.0 PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Board Chair will have responsibility for identifying and approving all media announcements related to Board decisions and actions.
- 5.2 Hospital CEO will have responsibility for approving all media announcements, including marketing communications, related to Hospital decisions and actions not directly related to District Board decisions or actions.
- 5.3 In matters dealing with issues of community and political sensitivity regarding District and/or Hospital policy or operations, CEO will obtain approval from Board Chair prior to releasing information to media. If media spokesperson is to be someone other than CEO or Chair, CEO will identify designated spokesperson to Board in advance of announcement.
- 5.4 In matters dealing with routine announcements and marketing activity related to Hospital, CEO will have discretion to release information to media through Hospital Communications procedures without District approval, but will provide information to District Board in a timely manner and not later than simultaneous with release of information.

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5.4.1 For purposes of this document, routine news announcements include but are not be limited to the following: personnel news, new services, marketing communications, community health programs and participation in community events.

5.5 Hospital Communications personnel will be made available to the District Board at Chair's request to assist with developing and disseminating Board communications. These requests will be guided by the following:

5.5.1 Board requests for Hospital Communications support will be made to CEO.

5.5.2 Hospital Communications services will include but are not limited to: writing and disseminating press releases; analyzing issues and recommending strategies and actions; contacting media on Board's behalf; reporting results of media outreach.

5.5.3 Hospital Communications personnel will not serve as spokespersons for Board unless requested to do so by Board Chair or CEO.

5.5.4 District Board members contacted by the media can access Hospital Communications for assistance with CEO's approval.

5.5.5 Media inquiries received by Hospital Communications regarding District policies, activities and announcements will be communicated to the Board Chair and/or Hospital CEO. Hospital Communications will not speak for District Board unless authorized to do so by Chair/CEO. In relaying requests, Hospital Communications will suggest appropriate response to Chair/CEO.

6.0 EMPLOYEES

6.1.1 Hospital employees are not permitted to make statements to media or through media on behalf of the Hospital and/or Board without authorization from CEO.

6.1.2 Employees are not permitted to post materials on Hospital/Board website or Facebook page without authorization from the Hospital Communications member designated responsible for maintaining these media.

6.1.3 Employees are not prevented from making personal statements in social media as long as they do not represent themselves as Hospital/Board representatives. Employees must follow Hospital Social Media Policy (#HR8610-300) available from Human Resources.

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ORIENTATION
BINDER



BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND REFERENCE GUIDE 2014

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 - a) Bylaws of SVHF
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 - c) SVHF Fundraising Strategic Plan 2014
 - d) MOU with SVHF
- 8) Prima Medical Foundation Funding Agreement with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Amendments
- 9) Management Services and Affiliation Agreement with Marin General Hospital
- 10) **JPA Purpose and Value (to come from Bill)**
- 11) Sonoma Valley Hospital Three-Year Rolling Strategic Plan
- 12) 2014-2015 Operating Budget
- 13) 2014-2015 Capital Budget

APPENDICES

- 14) Job Description, CEO & President
 - 15) Health Care District Health & Safety Code, Sections 32000 - 32492
 - 16) Brown Act
 - a) Brown Act Questions & Answers with Colin Coffey
 - b) Ralph M. Brown Act Government Codes 54950-54963 and Reduced Brochure
 - 17) California State Ethics Law
 - 18) Great Boards, Distinguishing Governance from Management
 - 19) **Board Protocol (still to be written)**
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