



SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, November 15, 2012
6:00 p.m. Public Session

Location: Schantz Conference Room
Sonoma Valley Hospital, 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	Hohorst	
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 Board 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 Board consideration. At all times please use the microphone.</i>	Hohorst	
3. APPROVAL OF EXCLUSIVITY CONTRACT WITH SOUND PHYSICIANS	Cohen	Inform/Action
4. ADJOURN: <i>The next regularly scheduled meeting of the SVHCD Board will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012.</i>		



Meeting Date: November 15, 2012

Prepared by: Peter Hohorst, Board Chair

Agenda Item Title: Approval of Exclusivity Contract with Sound Physicians

Recommendation:

That the contract for Hospitalist services with Sound Physicians be approved.

Background:

One of the major initiatives for this fiscal year is the attainment of a financial breakeven on Medicare cases. Critical to achieving this goal is conformance with Medicare treatment guidelines and accurate documentation when the guidelines are not appropriate for a specific patient.

The Sound Physicians contract will add a level of management to the Hospitalist care provided by the Hospital. This added level of management will be charged with the Medicare breakeven objective and provide a medical overview for conforming with the Medicare treatment guidelines.

The contract will be reviewed on Thursday, November 15, 2012, by the Medical Executive Committee. The existing contract with the Marin Hospitalist Group will expire on November 17, 2012. The proposed contract will be for three years.

All of the present Hospitalist doctors will join the Sound Physicians organization.

Consequences of Negative Action/Alternative Action:

The existing contract with the Marin Hospitalist Group will expire on November 17, 2012.

Financial Impact:

There will be no change in the cost for hospitalist staffing during the present fiscal year. There will be an increase in cost for FY 2013-14, but the reduction in the cost for clinical treatment of patients (or revenue increase from better coding) should offset the increase.

Selection Process and Contract History:

Negotiations were conducted with both organizations.