

DEL NORTE HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

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June 7, 2017

Dear Fellow Elected Officials and Community Leaders:

You are receiving this communication because Sutter Coast Hospital CEO Mitch Hanna, in an email addressed to you April 21, 2017, misrepresents the Del Norte Healthcare District's report from Quorum Health Resources. We write to correct the record.

The Quorum report recommended a hybrid approach to local healthcare (first attachment):

- (1) Partner with additional healthcare organizations (other than Sutter Health) and,
- (2) Collaborate with Sutter Coast Hospital.


The Healthcare District has enacted both of Quorum's recommendations. We are pleased to announce a joint project with St. Joseph Health to provide specialty care in Crescent City, and we remain committed to collaboration with Sutter Coast Hospital.

In his email, Mr. Hanna only mentioned the second objective (collaboration with Sutter Coast). Unfortunately, Mr. Hanna chose to exclude the Del Norte Healthcare District from his email, which impedes collaboration.

We hope Sutter Coast Hospital leadership will enact the calls for transparency as stated in the Joint Resolution on Healthcare, adopted by a unanimous vote of city and county elected leaders (second attachment, also posted at delnortehealthcare.org).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas on how the Del Norte Healthcare District can continue to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare.

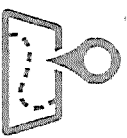
Sincerely,



Terry McNamara

Chair, Del Norte Healthcare District

Cc: Sarah Krevans, CEO Sutter Health

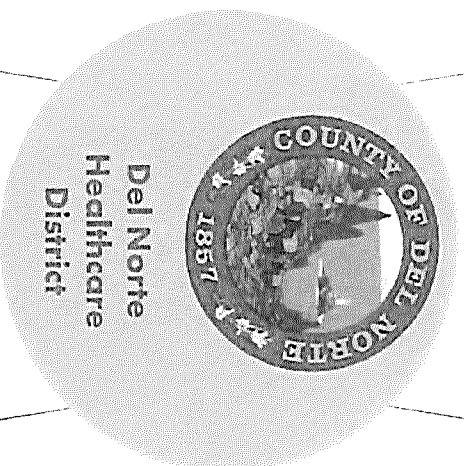


RECOMMENDED APPROACH

Given the dynamic nature of the market and the downside risk of pursuing only one option, pursuit of a parallel course of action is recommended

Explore bringing additional services through collaboration with outside organizations

GOAL:
Partner with additional organizations willing to invest in the provision of new/expanded services in the community.



Identify opportunities to collaborate with Sutter Coast Hospital

GOAL:
Identify mutually beneficial opportunities to work with SCH to enhance the healthcare services available in the community.

A hybrid approach positions the Del Norte community to receive the positive benefits of the various options. DNHCD should be the agency to lead these initiatives to improve healthcare in the community.



**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF DEL NORTE, AND
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE, HIGH
QUALITY HEALTHCARE IN THE REGION**

WHEREAS, the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors and the City Council of Crescent City support affordable, high quality healthcare;

WHEREAS, Sutter Coast Hospital is operating the county's only hospital;

WHEREAS, transparency from Sutter Coast Hospital is essential to meeting the goal of affordable, high quality health care;

WHEREAS, the Sutter Coast Hospital's Board meetings are closed to the public;

WHEREAS, Sutter Coast Hospital has declined to honor official record requests from the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors and City Council of Crescent City;

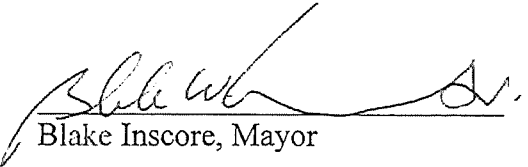
WHEREAS, the charges for care at Sutter Health facilities, including Sutter Coast Hospital, exceed the charges for care at non-Sutter Health affiliated facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors and City Council of Crescent City recommend the following actions is taken by the Board of Directors of Sutter Coast Hospital:

- (1) Sutter Coast Hospital produces its meeting minutes and financial records since 2011 for public review;
- (2) Sutter Coast Hospital prominently display its charges for common services and procedures, including laboratory tests, imaging studies, and fees from physicians either contracted with, or directly employed by, Sutter Coast Hospital;
- (3) The local members of the Sutter Coast Hospital Board of Directors hold regular public meetings to allow for public input regarding hospital operations;
- (4) Sutter Coast Hospital no longer engage in professional service contracts with individuals or entities, including EmCare Holdings, Inc., which operate "out of network" for local insurance plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED and made effective the same day by the City Council of the City of Crescent City on this 17th day of April, 2017, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Mayor Inscore, Mayor Pro Tem Short, Councilmembers Kime, Greenough, Fallman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

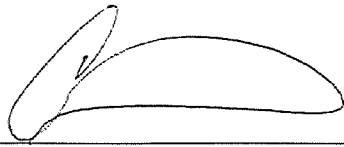

Blake Inscore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kymmie Scott, City Clerk

PASSED AND ADOPTED and made effective the same day by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Del Norte on this 25th day of April, 2017, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Supervisor Cowan, Gitlin, Howard, Hemmingsen, Berkowitz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


Chris Howard, Chair

ATTEST:


Kylie Heriford, Clerk of the Board