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December 27, 2016

Lin Reed, President  
Mark Twain Health Care District  
768 Mountain Ranch Road  
San Andreas, CA 95249

Dear Lin,

Following our recent telephone conversation it is my understanding that the Board has appointed new general counsel for the Mark Twain Health Care District. As a consequence, I am resigning from that position effective today.

Please let me know where any District files should be sent. I will of course cooperate fully with your new attorneys in any transition, or if there are any questions I am always available to answer them.

It has been my pleasure to work with you and the Board over the last few years.

Very truly yours,

Michael F. Dean  
Attorney at Law

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1 Mark Twain Health Care District

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3 **Resolution No. 2017-01**

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5 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON  
6 NOVEMBER 8, 2016 PURSUANT TO DIVISION 15 CHAPTER 4 OF THE ELECTIONS  
7 CODE

8 WHEREAS, the election results for the General Election, held on November 8,  
9 2016, have been presented to the Board of the Mark Twain Health Care District by the  
10 County Clerk, following the canvass of said election;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Mark Twain  
12 Health Care District of the County of Calaveras hereby accepts the canvass of the  
13 returns of the General Election, held on November 8, 2016, as delineated in Exhibit A  
14 attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted;

15 ON A MOTION by Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
16 Director \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly passed  
17 and adopted by the Board of the Mark Twain Health Care District of the County of  
18 Calaveras, State of California this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, by the following vote:

19 AYES;

20 NOES:

21 ABSENT:

22 ABSTAINED:

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24 President: Lin Reed

25 ATTEST:

26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 Secretary: Dr. Randy Smart

## ACHD Advocate

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### From the Desk of Ken Cohen, Executive Director

The month of December was a busy one for the ACHD team as we worked diligently to complete all documents and processes necessary to complete the merger of ALPHA fund and BETA into BETArma, which merged on January 3, 2017. The ACHD Executive Committee met several times in December to address ACHD business, including: status of the merger, corporate insurance coverage, ACHD investment policy, revisions to the ACHD bylaws, and budget updates.



Lee Michelson, CEO, Sequoia Healthcare District has also been asked to fill a vacant Executive Committee position. Lee has been a very active member of various ACHD Board Committees and has also served on the Working Group addressing ACHD member challenges.

Fallbrook Healthcare District is ACHD's newest Certified Healthcare District. Sheila Johnston presented the Fallbrook Healthcare District with their certificate during their December Board Meeting.

Curt Jones, Chief Financial Officer of ALPHA FUND and ACHD, and Tom Petersen, Chief Operating Officer of ALPHA FUND retired at the end of December, after serving both ACHD and ALPHA FUND well and for so many years. Both Curt and Tom have helped to greatly improve ACHD's financial position, enhance member engagement and programs, establish the Certified Healthcare District credentials, as well as position ALPHA FUND into the State's premier workers' compensation program for Healthcare Districts and not for profit organizations. Congratulations to both Curt and Tom for their outstanding contributions to ACHD and ALPHA Fund, as they will be missed. The entire ACHD family extends our warmest best wishes to both Curt and Tom, as they move forward with family and new adventures.

January 2017 and the New Year is certain to bring new challenges. The elections have resulted in several new Federal representatives along with a significant change in the Executive Office that, taken together, is likely to result in some dramatic government initiatives and broad policy adjustments. These changes are predicted to impact many State programs in a significant, although difficult to predict manner. ACHD will continue to emphasize the legislative and policy advocacy efforts that will be necessary to respond to the new legislative environment and to best serve our Healthcare Districts.

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## In Case You Missed It... Healthcare District News from Around the State



### **Marin Voice: making progress in building 'MGH 2.0'**

In less than four years, our community will be celebrating the opening of the long-awaited, new earthquake-safe hospital replacement building (MGH 2.0) on the campus of Marin General Hospital. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **NIHD Board of Directors take seats**

November election winners Phil Hartz, Mary Mae Kilpatrick and Dr. John Ungersma took their seats as members of the Northern Inyo Healthcare District's Board of Directors. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

### **Healthcare District wins emergency department award**

The Bear Valley Community Healthcare District was awarded the Quest for Zero: Excellence in ED award from BETA Healthcare Group. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

#### **Robot-assisted surgery at Northern Inyo Hospital**

Local healthcare leaders got hands-on access to Northern Inyo Healthcare District's new robot-assisted surgical system last week and put it through its paces. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

#### **Mendocino Healthcare District board election results finalized**

The Mendocino County election results have been finalized. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

#### **Grossmont Hospital Construction Oversight Group Elects Chair, Vice Chair**

The volunteer citizens group overseeing the spending of millions of dollars in taxpayer-approved bonds for new and improved patient care facilities at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa has elected its chairman and vice chairman to serve through June 2017. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

#### **Fallbrook Healthcare District Awards \$680K in Affordable Health Contracts**

More than \$680,000 in no-cost health services will benefit low and fixed income residents in Fallbrook Healthcare District facing the area's top health concerns, including cancer, diabetes and hypertension. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

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## Register Today for Leadership Academy!

The Leadership Academy is designed to provide new and experienced trustees and executives with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively govern a Healthcare District. Healthcare District Executives, Board Clerks and Secretaries to the Board are encouraged to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

The program content is approved by the Association's Board of Directors and Education Committee and is divided into five general sections:

- ACHD's Advocacy and Membership Benefits Overview;
- Public financials;



- Board culture and strategic governance;
- Effective Messaging;
- Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs), and;
- Brown Act and Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

The information provided will help you utilize the insights and knowledge gained through your participation in the Leadership Academy to enhance your role as a District Trustee or Executive.

We encourage you to attend our Leadership Academy and networking with fellow Districts in Sacramento, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel !

**Schedule:**

Feb 2	7:30 am	Breakfast
	8:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> Ken Cohen, Executive Director, ACHD Tom Wander, Chief Executive Officer, BETA Healthcare Group <b>Overview of ACHD, Advocacy, Member Services and Outreach</b> Amber King, Senior Legislative Advocate, ACHD Sheila Johnston, Member Services, ACHD
	9:45 am	<b>Leadership in the New Reality</b> William "Bill" Chiat, President and Principal Consultant, Alta Mesa Group
	10:45 am	<b>LAFCo 101</b> Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO
	12:00 pm	<b>Best Practices in Effective Healthcare District Messaging</b> Jean Hurst, Partner, Hurst Brooks Espinosa Amanda Gordon, Community Affairs Manager, Camarillo Healthcare District Elly Garner, Director, Government Affairs, Palomar Health
	1:30 pm	<b>Board Culture and Strategic Governance</b> Robert Nelson, Nelson Strategic Consulting
	3:00 pm	<b>Session 1: The Brown Act and Fair Political Practices Commission: AB 1234 Training</b> Gary Winuk, Counsel, Kaufman Legal Group
	5:30 pm	Reception and Dinner at The Railroad Museum
Feb 3	7:30 am	Breakfast
	8:45 am	<b>Session 2: The Brown Act and Fair Political Practices Commission: AB 1234 Training</b> Gary Winuk, Counsel, Kaufman Legal Group
	10:15 am	<b>Public Sector Financials</b> Rich Gianello, Partner, HFS Consultants

	12:00 pm	Closing Lunch
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**Costs:**

- Member: \$150/attendee
- Non-Member: \$300/attendee
- Guest: \$100 (Meals only)

Registration fees include all meals.

[Click here](#) to register for the Leadership Academy.

[Click here](#) to complete your hotel reservations.

Please contact [Sheila Johnston](#) with questions.

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## Schedule of Events for 2017

ACHD has completed scheduling all events for 2017. To access the calendar, please visit [our website](#).

In addition to Leadership Academy, ACHD hosts two other educational events you don't want to miss. Please save the dates in your calendar for ACHD's Legislative Day and Annual Meeting!



Inspire Today,  
**Transform Tomorrow.**  
*2017 legislative day*

### Legislative Day

**When: April 3-4, 2017**

**Where: Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95815**

**Event:**

Legislative Day is an opportunity for Healthcare District Trustees and Administrators to connect with Legislative Representatives at the State Capitol. The educational program will provide detailed information regarding the most pressing legislative issues, while creating opportunities for Trustees and Administrators to foster relationships with state lawmakers.

[Click here to register](#) for Legislative Day 2017.

## 65th Annual Meeting

**When: September 13-15, 2017**

**Where: Kona Kai Resort and Spa, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106**

**Event:** As the state of health care continues to evolve and the pace of change continues to increase, we wonder: how will our important Member Districts evolve to meet the challenges ahead and continue to serve their communities? ACHD's Annual Meeting will provide opportunities to hear different perspectives on a wide variety of topics, ranging from effective governance to advancing the health in your communities, while providing opportunities to share your experience and views with your Healthcare District colleagues.

Please contact [Sheila Johnston](#) with questions.

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## Does Your District Have Newly Elected Legislators?



California's statewide elected officials returned to Sacramento this week. This is a great opportunity for your District trustees and constituents to become familiar with their representatives. Good ways to help your legislator get to know you include:

- Sending letters to your legislator about bills relevant to Healthcare Districts
- Inviting your legislator to visit your Healthcare District for a tour, meeting, or reception
- Visiting the Capitol for a meeting with your legislator at ACHD's Legislative Day



Please utilize the [Senate "A" List](#) and [Assembly "A" List](#) to find out if your District has a newly elected representative.

For the full Senate roster, please click [here](#).

For the full Assembly roster, please click [here](#).

ACHD is looking forward to meeting all the newly elected officials as the new session begins. Stay tuned as our Advocacy Team brings you updates on bills as they are introduced.

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## Capitol Update

### Legislative Leadership

Just before the Holiday break, the Legislative Leadership announced their Committee Chairs. Senate President pro Tempore, Kevin De Leon, announced the full [Senate Committee membership](#). Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon announced his [leadership team and Assembly Committee Chairs](#). The Legislature reconvened for the 2017-18 Legislative Session on January 4, 2017. Click [here](#) for the full Legislative Calendar.



### Assembly Local Government Bill Summary

The Assembly Local Government Committee [compiled a summary of all bills referred to their Committee](#) for the 2015-16 Legislative Session. Please note that Healthcare District related bills can be found on page 17 of the pdf.

### Little Hoover Commission

As you know, the [Little Hoover Commission](#) held an advisory meeting reviewing Healthcare Districts on November 16th. The meeting report was made public in December, and can be [found here](#). The full special district report is anticipated in early spring on 2017.

Please contact ACHD's Senior Legislative Advocate, [Amber King](#), with any questions.

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## ACHD Working Group Update

ACHD's Working Group met for one last in-person meeting on December 9th in Sacramento. The meeting largely focused on the progress made to date by the Strategic

Subcommittees, Communications strategies to use in the Legislature and Media for the upcoming Legislative Session, and ACHD's sponsored bill.

ACHD's Executive Committee is set to meet with the District Hospital Leadership Forum's Executive Committee in late January to further discuss ACHD's sponsored legislation for the 2017 Legislative Session. Stay tuned for more information on this important issue.

Please contact ACHD's Senior Legislative Advocate, [Amber King](#), with any questions.

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## Update Your Information!



With the most recent election completed, ACHD has started updating our databases for accuracy. As such, we are seeking the most current contact information for current and newly elected Trustees, Healthcare District Executives and Staff at your District. At your convenience, please [click here](#) to complete the contact information form. Please e-mail your completed forms to [Cellosea Chilton](#).

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## Join CAPP Today!

The Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) is a member of [Californians Allied for Patient Protection \(CAPP\)](#), the coalition created to protect access to health care through California's Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA). ACHD continues to strongly support the preservation of MICRA.

In 2014, California voters definitively rejected Proposition 46, an attempt by the trial lawyers to quadruple MICRA's non-economic damages cap. Had this ballot measure passed, California would have seen higher health care costs and decreased access to care, especially among vulnerable populations who are most in need. Despite this victory, the battle to protect MICRA continues and

**ACHD is strongly urging its members to individually become supporters of the CAPP coalition.**

There is **no cost** to be a member of CAPP, and you will be in good company. Seven out of 10 Board Members are already CAPP members, with more than 1,000 other organizations representing community clinics, hospitals, physicians, nurses, EMTs, labor unions, local governments, dentists and other health care providers. A complete coalition list can be found on the CAPP website at [www.micra.org](http://www.micra.org).

As a CAPP member, you will receive quarterly newsletters with updates on legislative activities concerning MICRA and direct access to the CAPP staff to be your one stop resource on MICRA. Additionally, CAPP holds events for legislators in their legislative district and CAPP members are invited to attend free of cost.

Please take a moment to complete and return the [CAPP Coalition Sign-Up Form](#). Thank you for endorsing this important organization and its goal to preserve MICRA.

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## Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots: State to Open Second Round of Pilot Applications

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced in mid-October that it will accept a second round of applications for Whole Person Care (WPC) pilot projects. The second round of applications is due on March 1, 2017.

WPC pilots are part of the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 demonstration waiver, approved in December 2015 by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The general requirements for the second round of applications will remain the same, but DHCS plans to update the second round of applications based upon lessons learned from the first round, which is expected to conclude in late October.

During the second application period, applicants may amend applications already approved in the first round to add new target populations and/or services and interventions. New applicants also may apply. Additional guidance will be provided prior to the release of the second round of applications.

For more information, please visit the [DHCS website](#).

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## Filing and Ethics Requirements for Healthcare District Trustees and Executives

### Form 700: Statements of Economic Interests

Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability in two ways:

1. It provides necessary information to the public about an official's personal financial interests to ensure that officials are making decisions in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances.
2. It serves as a reminder to the public official of potential [conflicts of interest](#) so the official can abstain from making or participating in governmental decisions that are deemed conflicts of interest.

### Filing a Form 700

The FPPC is available to answer any questions you may have on Form 700 reporting or filing. However, in order to better assist you, you should obtain your "disclosure category." A disclosure category is a description of the types of financial interests you must disclose on your Form 700 based on your job classification or position. Each agency defines its own disclosure categories for each position based on the type and scope of work performed.

To obtain a copy of your disclosure category, check with a supervisor or other designated staff in your agency's legal or personnel department.

### Links to the Form 700 and Schedules

[Form 700](#) (Use through Dec. 31, 2016)

[Form 700 Reference Pamphlet](#) (Explains reporting requirements)

[Form 700 Excel Form](#)

[Form 700 FAQs](#)

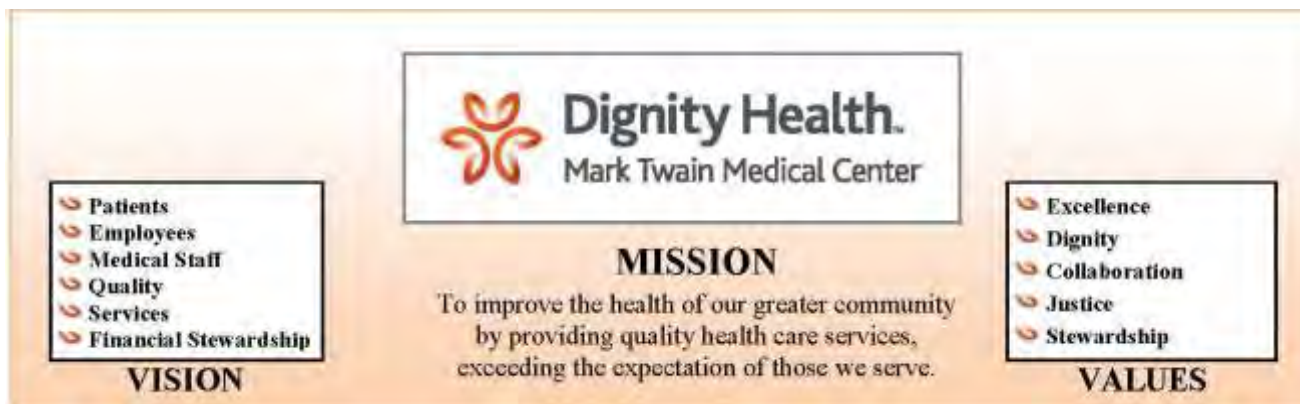
For more information on the Form 700, [click here](#).

### AB 1234 Ethics Training

Many public officials are required to take an ethics training course to educate them on the ethical standards required of any individual who works in state or local government. Public officials may utilize free online courses available to satisfy this requirement. Please note that the state officials ethics course will not satisfy the local officials ethics course requirements and vice versa.

### For Local Officials

Cities, counties and special districts in California are required by law ( [AB 1234, Chapter 700, Stats. of 2005](#) ) , to provide ethics training to their local officials.



### CEO Highlights – January 2017

Since last board meeting, the holiday season brought a series of **higher census**, higher acuity days. Mark Twain has had to practice surge management and up-tempo throughput in the Emergency Department, and of course careful discharge planning and care management in the ICU and Med/Surg settings. Staff has proven adept at both ends of the spectrum, from flex staffing during low census in autumn, to responding to peak volumes in winter.

In December the Medical Center honored two nurses, **Jeremy Furlong** and **Liesl Neuman**, with a prestigious national recognition, the **DAISY Award**. The DAISY Foundation takes its name from an acronym for “diseases attacking the immune system” and was created by the grateful family of a patient who wanted to recognize excellence in nursing care. Recipients are nominated by patients, families and colleagues, and chosen by a committee of nurses. This is the first year that Mark Twain has participated in the DAISY Foundation program; another group of nominees and awardees will be selected in 2017 and the program will become an ongoing annual tradition.

As mentioned in the last CEO Highlights before the holiday break, two executive positions have now been filled: Chief Medical Officer and Chief Philanthropy Officer. The **Administration Team** is now fully staffed: Bob Diehl (President), Chris Roberts (Finance), Dr. Lonnie Smith (Medical Affairs), Katherine McCoy (Nursing), Nancy Hiteshow (Quality), Margaret Pyles (Human Resources), Nicki Stevens (Business Development), and Julie Eckardt (Philanthropy).

Architects have completed a test fit of the **new Angels Camp Clinic** at the Stanislaus Avenue property location. Administration will finalize the development time table with Construction and share the plan with the philanthropic foundation. At the January 17 meeting of the foundation board, the plan is for that body to board-designate a specific portion of their funds to this project. As the project progresses through key construction milestones, funds will be released to the hospital.

January dates are set to begin having **Market Development Representatives** round on Calaveras County physicians. The MDRs will work closely with the Manager of Business Development and the CEO to coordinate messaging and listening with our doctors.

Dates are also set for a late January/early February **strategic planning retreat** with the medical center’s A-Team and several planning resource leaders from Dignity Health’s central California region. Key focus areas during the retreat will include topics such as inpatient growth planning, recruitment, service line expansion, clinic development, and fostering a service and hospitality culture. The work product from this retreat will come back to the board and will help to inform the early development of a Fiscal Year 18-19-20 strategic plan.