

To: Tahoe Forest Hospital District Board of Directors

From: Randy Hill, Chair
Measure C General Obligation Bond
Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)

Date: January 27, 2009

Subject: 2008 Annual Report

Compliance:

The bylaws established by the District Board stipulate that “a statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the letter and intent of Measure C” is required from the Committee on an annual basis.

Based upon information provided by the District’s CFO and reviewed by the COC, Measure C funds expended in 2008 were used solely for the Master Planning process, and as such, the District is in compliance.

Committee Proceedings:

The Committee held eleven meetings in calendar year 2008.

The bulk of its efforts remained focused on three primary objectives:

- Establish a clear and unambiguous understanding of the Role and Responsibilities of the Committee.

After extensive dialogue within the Committee, input and guidance from Roger Kahn and Bob Schapper, clarification of language contained in the COC Bylaws provided by legal counsel, and ultimately modification of certain language in the Bylaws, a clear consensus was reached.

The role of the COC is essentially retrospective in nature with the responsibility to review the expenditure of Measure C funds, and assure those expenditures conform to the letter and intent of the language in the ballot.

It is also understood that the District Board welcomes comments and questions from the Committee, but decisions remain solely within the domain of the District Board.

- Complete a high level, but comprehensive, education program.

The Committee spent a great deal of its time throughout the year in an effort to become familiar with the numerous regulations governing public committees and the health care industry, hospital construction and financing,

California seismic standards relating to hospitals, the early history of the Tahoe Forest Hospital including the Western Addition construction process, and more. The few remaining learning objectives established when the Committee formed will be completed during the first quarter of 2009.

- Develop and implement a COC Communications plan for the community.

The Committee, working with guidance from Paige Nebeker, adopted a web-based communications plan which was presented to and approved by the District Board in the November 25, 2008 meeting. The COC's web site went "live" last fall.

In its current format, the site provides access to a copy of the COC Bylaws and quarterly reports to the District Board, all COC agendas and minutes, FAQs, and a link encouraging comments and questions from the public to be directed to the Chair of the COC. The page may be accessed at www/hospitalcoc.org. This web site was advertised to the public via ads in the Sierra Sun.

The COC is appreciative of the diligent efforts being put forth by the District Board in the Master Planning process.

Respectfully,

Randy Hill