

DEBRIEF of MCHD Meeting of September 21, 2023

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I debrief meetings I attend for purposes of record. Please share as you see fit.

1. 8 out of 10 people on the coast are NOT aware of the very existence of this Board. Those that do know are unclear as to your role. During my time at AHMC no one who was employed in that office could articulate your purpose. They believed it was AHMC itself that needed to fund the retrofit.
2. The most effective part of the interview process was when each of the Board members articulated what they are looking for in the new Board member. I would comment that none of those requirements were mentioned on the flyer that was distributed announcing the need for a Board member. I certainly would not have wasted your time by being there, if it had. Perhaps, if there is a next time, you can incorporate that into your flyer, as it would then more accurately articulate your preferences; a 'job description' of sorts.
3. Long term plans, goals for the hospital district are paramount, however, I was very concerned about the absence of the Board's spotlight on looking to the interviewee's approach to sharing ideas addressing the immediate and critical needs of the community for reliable and adequate health care. I'm not sure that the Board is aware of just how serious a problem this is. Again, while long term planning is critical to the viability of the Coast healthcare, serious consideration needs to be given to those individuals who, at present, are falling through the cracks and holes in the system, with dire consequence, even as I sit here writing this Debrief.
4. The MCHD Board is charged with a major undertaking and that, undoubtedly, is also something that this community is unaware of. They NEED to know! It could, at the very least, encourage community dialog, which could increase the input and information the Board receives, giving the Board a better and more accurate understanding of how the immediate health care system is working/not working for them.
5. In checking with the local news sources, this meeting was never announced or printed, anywhere, for the purpose of informing the community of its presence/time/location or purpose. Perhaps use of the local media would draw interest, participation, existence of and ultimately, more community participation at these meetings, which is obviously sorely lacking.
6. The healthcare system, presently in place, is a disaster for the elderly! No improvement in the near future will undoubtedly have drastic, enduring economic effects on this community, up and down the Coast. Senior citizens on the Coast are on the cusp of leaving the area because of the lack of specialized health care and they can't afford to wait 5 - 10 years for it to happen.

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"That which does not kill us, make us stronger." Nietzsche

