

Gregg Montgomery attended the Parent Hospital Association meeting on March 11, 2017.

1. Present:

- Senators - Dodd and M. Mcguire
- Sonoma County Supervisor- S.Gorin
- PHA President - K. Miller
- Assembly woman - C. Aguilar/Curry
- Director of S.R. Community Health Center - Naomi Fushs
- DDS Director - Nancy Bargmann

2. The majority of the meeting focused on the new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), which has been awarded to the Santa Rosa Community Health Center off of Dutton Ave.

- Apparently, they have 9 separate locations around the Bay Area.
- A new 23,000 sq. foot building will be built to accommodate the new FQHC. It will include:
 - Skilled Medical (including dental)
 - Mental Health clinics
 - Active Mental Health Crisis Center (possibly partnered w/ Sonoma Co. DHS)
- At this point there is no plan for Adaptive Equipment or custom shoes thru the FQHC. However, they hope to partner with a privately run organization. It's undecided at this point.

3. There was also discussion on the continued construction and retrofits of community homes for our residents. Kathleen Miller gave a very impassioned speech regarding language used to describe the homes for our behavioral residents. She fears that the homes described as having "secured perimeters" will end up being locked facilities. This would be unacceptable in her view. She said, "...too many of these homes (w/ secured perimeters) have been recommended."

4. As usual a Q&A period took up the last hour:

- There were many family members that had no questions but rather expressed their displeasure with the closure of the SDC. Senator Dodd, at one point, addressed these family members by trying to assure them that the State will do all that it can to make sure their family member will receive the best care. But he also stated that "...no one should leave this meeting thinking that the SDC might stay open. This facility will close as planned."
- There were a few questions re: the FQHC and their ability to handle 'specialized services' such as Adaptive Equip., audiology, Physical Therapy, custom shoes, etc. Nancy Bergmann (DDS) assured the Families that, until the community is totally equipped to handle these specialized services, those departments at the SDC will remain functional to help North Bay Regional Center residents until the community has its resources up and running.
- There were several questions re: 'what will happen to the land' at the SDC(?). Susan Gorin spoke of the Site Assessment group, Wallace, Roberts & Todd - <http://wrtddesign.com>, contracted by the State to give a comprehensive evaluation of the entire facility. Apparently, they will meet this summer with 'The Coalition' to discuss this very topic. Gorin said, "...the community needs to lead on this question of land use."

Summary: Taking Supervisor Gorin's statement at face value, it is crucial that we, the Glen Ellen community, take a proactive stance regarding future development of the SDC. The SDC Subcommittee encourages everyone to 1) review subcommittee docs uploaded to the GE Forum

website (glenellenca.org), 2) peruse the Wallace, Roberts & Todd website to see what sort of projects this company has worked on in the past (wrtdesign.com), and 3) submit your ideas for possible uses of the SDC to:

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