

Coastal Health Alliance
Report to SBVA
September 2, 2017

If you read the *Pt. Reyes Light* you will know that our planned merger with West County Clinics in Guerneville has been discontinued by mutual agreement.

August 25th was CMO Dr. Edwin Munich's last day to staff SB Health Center. He will be able to return to his full time work of being Chief Medical Officer for all three clinics. As of yesterday, September 1, **Carrie Chase NP** will work one day in Stinson and in Point Reyes two days. She has moved to CHA from West Marin Clinic where she has worked for several years, so she is very familiar with our residents.

Ann Mendenhall has been hired for 4 days as a Physicians Assistant and will be on staff in PR including Saturdays.

We have increased and updated our MD recruiting efforts and have interviewed **three promising candidates**. An Inverness resident has devoted a rental unit to our medical staff, thereby increasing our local-residing staff to 4 out of the 48 employees. Housing is one of our greatest problems in attracting new hires.

Our very own **Erica Borgwardt**, one of our EMT's who will receive her nursing degree from Samuel Merritt College June, 2018, was a recipient of a \$1500 award from the Lois Bailey Balkan Scholarship Fund. Ms Balkan was a former Coastal Health Alliance board member.

In an effort to introduce ourselves to and to support the staff at the SBHC, I would like to suggest "**take the CHA staff to lunch**". It is pretty easy.....there are 3 staff on duty and they are available Fridays approx. 12:30 to 1:30.

--I picked them up and brought them to my house and it was delightful.

--Susie Nelson brought lunch to them at the Clinic.

They are thrilled to be noticed and supported. I would encourage any others of you to do the same. If you aren't home Fridays mid-day, a dropped off picnic basket or a gift certificate at one of the local restaurants might be a good idea.

Our dental clinic is booked through October. **We are in need of a dental assistant** as are many dental offices throughout Northern California. They have certain days in which they come to Bolinas.

Our sliding scale guidelines have been rewritten to the benefit of our patients. Don't hesitate to check out the guidelines or encourage others to do so.

Stinson had 51 visits in July. Be sure to keep on using the clinic. Let them know we need them.

Submitted by Beth Perry