

Behavioral Health

Mono County Behavioral Health joins Collaborative - Behavioral Health will continue their work on Health Care Reform by joining the Advancing Recovery Collaborative, sponsored by the California Institute of Mental Health (CiMH). This was a competitive application process throughout California and MCBH was selected to participate.

The aim of the Advancing Recovery Collaborative (ARC) is to advance the recovery and independence of individuals with serious mental illness. To accomplish this, ARC will focus on supporting clients' achievement of short term goals, movement to higher levels of recovery, and overall progress towards the life of their choice. Teams will test and adapt innovative changes that will help people to develop meaningful, self-directed lives in their communities with a focus on improved health, housing, purpose in daily life, and relationships in their community.

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County Administrator's Office

Keith Park Service – The family of Keith Park truly appreciated the large turnout of co-workers, friends and county family for Keith's event on Saturday 28th. Keith's family thanked the Board for flying the flags on County facilities at half staff in honor of Keith's military service.

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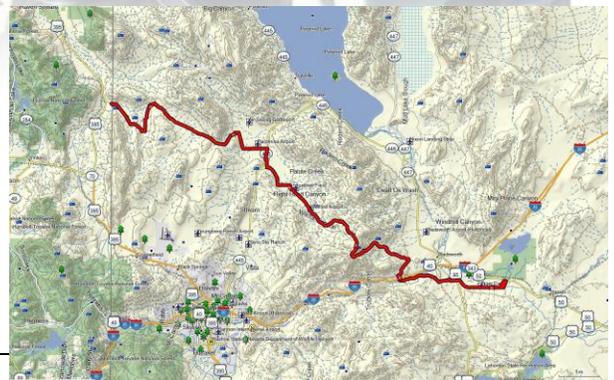
Supervisor Fesko trekking across Nevada and back again! – As part of the Eastern Sierra Ridge Riders, Supervisor Tim Fesko is traveling via UTV/ATV across Nevada from Sept. 25th to October 4th.

Here is a picture of Tim on Monday and a copies of the route from Day 1 and Day 9. It doesn't stay that cold he said. You can check out the day by day adventures at AdrenalineATV.com

People can also follow our Board's most avid ambassador of the ATV community via Facebook by searching for the Eastern Sierra Ridge Riders. Stay safe, Supervisor Fesko!

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Federal Government Shutdown Begins as impacts begin to roll out – The Federal Government began shutting down agencies on Tuesday, October 1st, as the new Fiscal Year began without an adopted spending plan. County Departments are still analyzing the numerous specific Mono County impacts. The California State Association of Counties has already sent a letter to all California Members of Congress expressing county concerns. It is attached to the email of the Board Update.

The immediate impacts being felt include economic ones as closure of all National Parks are reducing tourism. Lands being closed include those campgrounds under contract with concession based operators. People in campgrounds are being “evacuated” (asked to leave technically) by federal employees by Friday (10/4). Mammoth Lakes Tourism with support from the County’s Economic Development Department are working to re-direct these visitors and to find alternative ways to recreate and appreciate the Eastern Sierra and Mono County.

Meetings between county staff and federal agencies on numerous projects have been cancelled due to the shutdown. This lack of federal staff availability is impacting Public Works, Economic Development and Community Development.

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memo last night directing agency heads to execute an orderly shutdown. OMB requires each agency to maintain a plan for operations in the absence of appropriations. Contingency plans for each agency can be found at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/contingency-plans>

As additional impacts are identified we will be bringing them forward.

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RCRC Conference Presentations available – As mentioned by Supervisor Alpers, RCRC had a number of incredible presentations on issues impacting rural counties. The Executive summary of the meeting has been provided and is attached as a PDF to the Board Update email.

All of the presentations are available at:

http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/index.cfm/annual-meeting/?keywords=Annual_Meeting

There are several on fire issues which are very useful.

http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/assets/File/02_Andy_McMurry.pdf

http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/assets/File/01_George_Gentry.pdf

http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/assets/File/04_Barnie_RCRC_Meeting.pdf

http://www.rcrcnet.org/rcrc/assets/File/03_Jeanne_Evans.pdf

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June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee – Attended the June Lake CAC and John Urdi gave a presentation on the Air Subsidy at the request of Supervisor Alpers who was also in attendance. Staff also shared with the group that Highway 158 between the gates in the avalanche zone will be closed for

one month to complete the Digital 395 work needed. A press release on this topic will be issued when specific dates are known.

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Meeting with the new Town of Mammoth Lakes Interim Town Manager - On Friday, October 4th, I met with the new Interim Town Manager. This hour meeting was a chance to connect and continue efforts to improve communications and shared services between the Town and County.

Dan was very interested in continuing dialogue along issue of potential shared services. He also brings with him a fresh perspective on solid waste and is open to an expanded dialogue for the Town and County.

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Public Health

Eastern Sierra Hospital Mutual Aid Network MOU signed - Dr. Rick Johnson announced that an MOU has been signed by all 3 hospitals in the Eastern Sierra which took effect October 1st. All 3 hospitals in the Eastern Sierra are recipients of funds through our Hospital Preparedness Program grants from the federal government.

As part of the grants, a Healthcare Coalition is a requirement, which includes hospitals as well as other healthcare system providers. As demonstration of participation in the coalition, the federal government desires MOU's between coalition members, not only addressing intent to participate, but outlining the operational areas which would be involved in responding to an emergency/disaster.

This document outlines the voluntary (not legally binding) intent to provide mutual aid when an emergency/disaster exceeds the response capability of a given facility. The terms are only activated when there is a federal, state, or local declaration of an emergency or health emergency by the government officials with authority to do so. Locally, that is the Board of Supervisors, the County Sheriff, or the Health Officer.

There are 5 sections:

- Organizational Structure and Communications – outlines how the hospital will organize itself in order to integrate seamlessly with government response structures, consistent with the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS).
- Patient Movement, Distribution, and Evacuation – outlines operational aspects of the movement of patients from one facility to another, both for assisting and accepting facilities
- Equipment and Supplies – outlines principles of sharing of “stuff”
- Personnel – outlines principles of the sharing of staff
- Financial and Legal – outlines the legal and financial aspects of mutual aid

Dr. Johnson crafted the document after review of numerous other documents from other California counties, Washoe County Health District, Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response (PACER)

consortium out of the Johns Hopkins Center for Law and the Public's Health, National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) Advanced Practice Center (APC), Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, Vol. 5, #1, 2011.

It was then reviewed by representatives from each hospital, with minor modifications made that all agreed to. We will begin training and exercising with this document as part of our upcoming annual Statewide Medical and Health Exercise Program as early as next week.

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Free Patches for Medi-Cal Members Who Use the Helpline- Starting September 30th, Medi-Cal members statewide who want to quit smoking can receive free nicotine patches by mail from the California Smokers' Helpline. The Helpline will send eligible members a free, four-week supply of patches, with further refills as needed.

Medi-Cal members no longer need a prescription from a doctor, a certificate from a quit smoking program, or the pharmacy to get their prescription filled. Starting Sept. 30th Medi-Cal members can call the Helpline and in most cases the patches will be delivered to their home within 2-3 business days.

The new service is grounded in evidence that smokers who use both counseling and medication have higher quit rates than those who use either alone, and that sending patches leads to higher quit rates than smokers obtaining NRT on their own.

The free patches will be offered to tobacco users age 18 and over who have a valid Medi-Cal ID and enroll in Helpline counseling. Patches are available through all of the Helpline's language lines. Callers will be screened for contraindications and appropriate dosage. If a caller has contraindications, Helpline staff will seek medical approval before dispensing patches.

For more information on Helpline services for Medi-Cal members visit www.NoButts.org/Medi-Cal.

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Update on California Children's Services (CCS) children in Mono County - Friday, October 4th is the bi-annual Medical Therapy Conference (MTC), which is held in the Mammoth Hospital General Surgery Clinic spaces. Dr. Rick Johnson and Dr. Vernon Tolo, a pediatric Orthopedic specialist, initially evaluate qualified CCS children from Mono and Inyo Counties .

These children will also be seen for the following needed services: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition Therapy, Orthotics, and Durable Medical Equipment. Our families most appreciate the opportunity to see all of these providers at one time, saving them multiple trips to Southern California, and we are grateful to these providers who are dedicated to serving CCS children in both counties.

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Public Works

Bridgeport Public Utilities District report on Arsenic levels- Public Works received a notice from the BP PUD about the current arsenic levels in Bridgeport's water system, although above standards it is not a health emergency. The notice is attached to the email the Board Update is in.

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Old Bridgeport Hospital Boiler Replaced – Energy savings occurring -

The facilities staff has reconfigured the boiler system at the Old Bridgeport Hospital which allows for heating only the clinic and some temperature sensitive equipment. The crew was able to reduce the heated area from 16,796 square feet down to a little over 2,000 square feet. This modification will realize significant energy saving for the county.



The facilities division was also busy installing a new Heating system for the Benton Community center. This new system will be more efficient as well as notably quieter than the previous heating unit. The aforementioned projects reflect an emphasis on not only maintaining our facilities but also making them more energy efficient.

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Social Services

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month -This year Wild Iris is focusing its efforts on helping our community to take a stand against domestic violence. This includes calling law enforcement when appropriate, offering our support to those we suspect may be victims, holding perpetrators accountable for their actions, and supporting agencies like Wild Iris that offer no cost services to domestic violence victims.

Each day during the month of October, Wild Iris will post a new fact about domestic violence. Like them on [Facebook](#) to see 31 Facts in 31 Days. Check out "[11 Things You Can Do](#)".

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Sheriff's Office

1. **Deputy Marty Thompson received an award from WILD IRIS** in recognition for his service to the victims of domestic violence. This award was presented to Marty by WILD IRIS at the Board of

Supervisors meeting this week. The Sheriff's Office is very proud of Marty as he displays the utmost concern for the victims.

2. The Sheriff's Office replied to the Mono County Grand Jury Final Report 2012-2013 with its response.
3. **Inmate count update:** the jail is currently awaiting final court paperwork (prison packets) on several inmates (4 or so) prior to those inmates being transported to state prison for their sentences to be served. The inmate count is currently stable in the mid 30's.
4. **Orbacom Replacement moving forward** - Had an in-person vendor discussion this week about orbacom replacement at the jail facility. We are hoping to get two contracts signed within the next week. After the discussion with all involved, computer build out / purchase will take approximately 30-60 days after contracts are signed. With that said, and the holidays coming up soon, it is likely that this project will not actually take place at the jail facility till January. One vendor will take (5) days and another vendor will take up to (30) days to perform their tasks, not to mention the tear out of older equipment, furniture and carpet, etc. We are still on track on using the \$250,000 funding from CCP and if need be we will use Asset Forfeiture funds if we have to cover any overages. No General Fund will be needed.

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