Agenda item 5.a
Board of Directors Mtg. 4/6/11

POLICY NO. 23 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND EVENTS

23.1 Under the law, Sequoia Healthcare District may provide assistance to health care programs, services, facilities, and activities at any location within or without the District for the benefit of the District and the people served by the District and to nonprofit provider groups and clinics functioning in the community in order to provide for adequate health services to communities served by the District. (California Health and Safety Code Sections 32121(j) and 32126.5)

23.2 A community's health needs are served not only by traditional acute care hospitals, but also by a broad array of other health-related programs and initiatives. These include local health and wellness programs, community-based clinics, health provider educational programs, and other programs and organizations that promote physical, emotional and psychological well-being.

23.3 As allowed by the District's financial condition, the District shall have a community grants program to address identified community healthcare needs. District staff shall administer the program with the District Board of Directors making the final decision regarding grant recipients. In conjunction with setting the District's annual budget each year, the District shall determine whether to fund the community grants program for that budget year and, if so, in what amount.

23.4 The Sequoia Healthcare District will not sponsor fundraising events but may sponsor health education events up to $2,500 per event but not to exceed $10,000 in any fiscal year. The staff/ Board may purchase tickets to fundraising events or other community events as long as no more than $300 is spent per event and the total for event attendance does not exceed $3,000 per year.

The CEO will be required to report on any events sponsored or attended as part of the CEO report each Board Meeting including who attended representing the District and the purpose of the event.