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**HIGHLIGHTS OF
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2009**

1. *John Adams, Mental Health Services Director, updated the board on the status of the Out-patient Mental Health (OPMH) contract. The contract was reduced from \$550,000 in FY 08/09 to \$206,000 in FY 09/10. As a result some sites had to be closed. Services are being provided in Salinas, Seaside and Monterey, with some services being provided in our runaway homeless youth program. Services are provided in brief interventions using evidence-based programs such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). Most patients are referred for six sessions. The case may be sent to the county Utilization Review Committee (URC) to determine if more sessions are necessary.*
2. *Jenelle Montoya, Development Director, spoke to the board regarding "Birdies for Charity." Birdies for Charity is sponsored by Monterey Peninsula Foundation. The Foundation hosts the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Annual Golf Tournament. Donors can pledge for each actual birdie (in golf, a "birdie" is a scored of one stroke better than par for any golf hole) scored in the tournament or make a flat donation. The Foundation will provide a 10% match on all money collected by CHS. CHS has designated this year's donations to the much needed roof replacement at Genesis House. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Jenelle at 658-3811.*
3. *Michael McFarland, Deputy Director/Director of Substance Abuse Services, reviewed the Quarterly Genesis House report to the board, for the months of July-Sept 2009. CHS received information from Monterey County Behavioral Health that funding for Prop 36 referrals would be lost. Some indication was made that funding would be available to carry those Prop 36 clients through September 30. The agency chose to convert those beds to an Extended Stay Program (ESP) for male clients transitioning out of treatment. On a more positive note the agency received stimulus funds and a new position was created, Employment Specialist. Kristy Sherrer was hired and is currently helping clients from Genesis House, Elm House and Safe Passage seek, gain and maintain employment. GH clients sometimes have difficulty with things such as resumes and explaining gaps in employment history. More good news was received from John XXIII. Information and testing will resume for HIV/AIDS as well as information on Hepatitis C. HIV test results will be known immediately. Arrangements have been made for emergency counseling and referrals for those receiving positive test results. Work continues on replacement of all vinyl flooring at the facility. The house operated at 90.7% with 18 clients successfully completing treatment.*
4. *Highlights from the Executive Director's Report include:*
 - ✓ *CHS is changing its Plan Sponsor for the agency 403(b) from Hartford to Nationwide. The main reasons are wider investments and local service.*
 - ✓ *CHS is changing its workers compensation carrier from State Fund to Everest. The primary reasons are local service and premium savings.*
 - ✓ *CHS is changing its life insurance carrier to Standard Insurance, the sole reason being premium savings.*

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 11am – 1pm and will be held at the Sand City City Hall at One Sylvan Park, Sand City, CA 93955.