

# COUNCIL CONNECT

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## CONTRA COSTA HOSPITALS IMPLEMENT STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THE DISCHARGE OF HOMELESS PATIENTS

In response to last year’s meeting on the discharge of homeless patients (per the requirements of AB 2745), representatives from Contra Costa hospitals and the Contra Costa County Homeless Program have continued to meet. Their goal is to improve communication among institutions and continuity of care for homeless patients.

To address concerns about the discharge of homeless patients to county-operated shelters, the group developed, wrote, and implemented an agreed-upon hospital [discharge procedure](http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council_Connect_Oct08_CCC_Homeless_Discharge.pdf) ([http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council\\_Connect\\_Oct08\\_CCC\\_Homeless\\_Discharge.pdf](http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council_Connect_Oct08_CCC_Homeless_Discharge.pdf)). The procedure establishes:

- A single point of contact at the county for their homeless shelters,
- Criteria for shelter placement, and
- Clear steps that each hospital will take when discharging a patient to a county-operated shelter.

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The discharge procedure includes information on private homeless shelters (not county operated) and other resources to assist hospitals in caring for homeless patients.

For more information, contact Rebecca Rozen, Regional Vice President, 925- 746-1550, [rrozen@hospitalcouncil.net](mailto:rrozen@hospitalcouncil.net).

## MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN “TOOL KIT” AVAILABLE

This month the Healthcare Laboratory Workforce Initiative (HLWI), led by the Hospital Council, provided hospital laboratory managers and human resource directors with a new “tool kit” concerning medical laboratory technicians (MLTs).

The addition of MLTs in California creates a career ladder, from phlebotomists to MLTs to clinical laboratory scientists. Now that the state is issuing licenses for MLTs, we know that many hospitals are considering how to integrate MLTs into their laboratories but have questions and need help getting started.

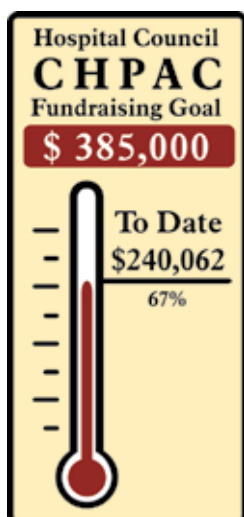
The [tool kit](http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council_Connect_Oct08_MLT_ToolKit.pdf) ([http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council\\_Connect\\_Oct08\\_MLT\\_ToolKit.pdf](http://www.hospitalcouncil.net/Upload/Council_Connect_Oct08_MLT_ToolKit.pdf)) contains a document providing answers to frequently asked questions about MLTs, directs hospitals to information resources, and includes a sample MLT job description.

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## CHPAC UPDATE

The CHPAC is the only organization that gives financial support to responsible pro-health care candidates running for office throughout the state. This year's statewide goal is \$1 million. The Hospital Council's portion of the statewide goal is \$385,000.

Appointing a CHPAC campaign coordinator for your facility is a great way to initiate staff campaigns and reach your hospital's CHPAC fund-raising goal. Another way is to promote the benefits of CHPAC Presidents' Club membership to hospital vendors and invite them to join. Hospital campaign coordinators can contact Bryce Gardella, CHPAC Coordinator, for a campaign coordinator's kit.



Make your CHPAC contribution today at one of the following levels:

- Presidents' Club member at \$1,250
- Leadership Board member at \$750
- Golden State Club member at \$500

For more information, contact Bryce Gardella, CHPAC Coordinator, 916-552-7560, [bgardella@calhospital.org](mailto:bgardella@calhospital.org).

## CEO UPDATES

Charles (Chuck) Bill is the new CEO at John C. Fremont Healthcare District, replacing Jimmy Knight, Interim CEO.

Jeffrey A. Collins is the new Senior Vice President/Area Manager at Kaiser Permanente Fresno Medical Center, replacing Ginger Campbell, Interim Senior Vice President/Area Manager.

Walt Beck is the new CEO at Modoc Medical Center, replacing Jim Sato, Interim CEO.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**November 3, 2008 8:15 am – 4:15 pm**  
Hospital Council  
Behaviors that Undermine a Culture of Safety Workshop  
(The Joint Commission Standard)  
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento  
Contact Petrina Aiello 925-746-5106

**November 6, 2008 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
California Hospital Association  
IHI Town Hall Education Meeting  
Salinas TBD  
Contact Debby Rogers 916-552-7537

**November 12, 2008 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
Hospital Council of Northern & Central California  
Practical Skills for Quality Improvement  
Location TBD  
Contact Teresa Roebuck 925-746-0728

**November 13, 2008 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
California Hospital Association  
Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento  
Contact Amanda Supuni 916-552-7637

**November 13, 2008 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
Hospital Council of Northern & Central California  
Beacon Compass Series  
San Francisco, Location TBD  
Contact Teresa Roebuck 925-746-0728

**November 20, 2008 10:00 pm - Noon**  
California Hospital Association  
Preparing for MERP Survey Web Seminar (Online)  
Contact Liz Mekjavich 916-552-7500

## NOVEMBER SECTION MEETINGS

**November 5, 2008 5:30 – 8:30 pm**  
San Francisco Section  
Location TBD  
Contact Kathy Walker 415-616-9990

**November 11, 2008 Noon – 2:00 pm**  
North Bay Section  
Ca'Bianca Restaurant, Santa Rosa  
Contact Kathy Walker 415-616-9990

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**November 13, 2008 10:00 am – Noon**

Kern/Eastern Sierra Section

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, Bakersfield

Contact Loretta Manning 559-221-6154

**November 14, 2008 1:45 – 3:45 pm**

(Immediately following the CHPAC luncheon at Turtle Bay)

Northern Sierra Section

Turtle Bay Museum Classroom, Redding

Contact Kathy Sowers 916-552-7565

**November 21, 2008 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Redwood/Mendocino/Lake Section

Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Ukiah

Contact Kathy Sowers 916-552-7565

