

News

SLH Mobile Unit Receives Licensing by the State of California

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 29, 2010 - Sutter Lakeside Hospital is excited to announce that on July 28th the Mobile Health Services Unit received full licensing from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This licensing means that the mobile unit is approved to begin seeing patients and providing medical care.



“This has been a long journey,” stated Soraya Ringer, SLH Outpatient Clinics Director who has oversight over the mobile unit’s clinical operations. “We’ve been working on the planning stages since January 2009 and have now reached the final chapter of this project.”

The two and a half hour CDPH site visit included a walk-through of the mobile unit and interviews of the unit’s staff. The walk-through was conducted to verify that the unit is fully equipped to the same standards as a typical physician office or hospital based clinic.

“The mobile unit is literally a moving physician office,” explained Ringer. “Even though the unit will be traveling from location to location, it is equipped with all of the supplies necessary to care for patients from the beginning to the finish of each visit.”

The MHSU includes two exam rooms, an ADA accessible restroom, two work stations and a patient blood draw station. The expandable sides of the unit make it as roomy and comfortable as any physician office.

MHSU staff interviewed included Debbie Allen, LVN, Jose Beltran, Fleet Operator and James Huston, Fleet Manager. The interview process verified that each staff member understands their job duties to ensure quality and safe patient care.

Pending the arrival of the newly hired Physician Assistant who is moving to Lake County from Idaho, the unit will begin seeing patients in mid August. “Although are not able to announce the exact date of when we will begin seeing patients at this time, we currently have contractual agreements with two sites – the Live Oak Senior Center and the Lucerne Senior Center. Both sites will be kept apprised of when the unit will arrive to their location,” stated Ringer.

Health screenings provided on the mobile unit will include basic vision, basic hearing, blood pressure screening, and diabetes screening just to name a few. Education will also be provided and will cover topics such as diabetes, obesity/weight loss, asthma, COPD, and pregnancy.

Sutter Lakeside would like to extend a great big Thank You to the following people who worked hard to ensure that the MHSU was ready for inspection: Dr. Elyse Donald, Dr. Bruce Deas, Soraya Ringer, Tammy Carter, Susan Meyers, Debbie Allen, Jose Beltran, James Huston and Angie Lagle.

Everyone at Sutter Lakeside Hospital would also like to thank the generous citizens of Lake County who gave so freely during our fundraising efforts for the purchase of the mobile unit. It is because of these individuals that lives across the county will be touched for years to come.

Would you like to see the unit for yourself? Join us at the Lake County Fair September 2nd-5th where the MHSU will be providing Free Health Screenings. The unit will be parked in the Cloverleaf area, between the Live Music Stage and Lewis Hall. Health screenings will be provided from open to 8pm every day of the Fair.

About Sutter Lakeside Hospital

Being the healthcare provider of choice, Sutter Lakeside Hospital is committed to providing access to high quality, affordable health and wellness services to the residents of Lake County. We enhance the well being of people in the communities we serve, through a not-for-profit commitment to compassion and excellence in health care services.

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