



Monterey Bay Independent Physician Association



## Minute Update

### **2016 – A BIG YEAR AHEAD FOR HEALTHCARE IN MONTEREY COUNTY**

Firstly, welcome to the many new MD's, DO's, PhD's, LCSW's, LMFT's, OD's, DC's, PT's and others who have recently joined the Monterey Bay IPA. The addition of the employee health plans (EHP's) for CHOMP, SVMH, and NewStar/OrganicGirl led to very substantial growth in our Association, to the benefit of all of us!

Last year we introduced these brief "Minute Update" newsletters; this year, they will be sent to you even more regularly. Our intent is to take up about a minute of your time to provide essential information that is worthy of your reading. For our first Update of 2106, here are few notes about last year and what's upcoming:

#### **2015**

- We successfully recovered our jointly owned LLC the Monterey Salinas Healthcare Collaborative (*we own with the Community Hospital Foundation (CHF) and SVMH*),. SVMH and CHF are in the final stages of SVMH's likely buy-in to the Aspire Health Plans, Community Health Innovations, and Coastal TPA.
- We became the professional panel for the employee health plans, effective January 1.
- Our Collaborative has formed a very ambitious countywide diabetes initiative that is being led by Terril Lowe, RN and involves the complete, broad range of stakeholders throughout the community. With the shared support of SVMH, Terril (*CHOMP VP of Nursing*) is taking a sabbatical to get this off the ground.
- We have designed - and are in the process of broadening – very substantial incentive programs with the hospital EHP's to reward MBIPA professionals for doing the right things to control healthcare costs by keeping our community healthier. You'll be hearing much more very soon.
- Our membership has grown from 280 at the beginning of 2015 to about 600 today.

#### **2016**

- The exciting, but difficult work of actively managing healthcare begins. The MBIPA plans to be the catalyst for our community's transition to value-based care, wherein we professionals "have skin in the game" – participation, incentives and rewards for the critical work of improving our community's health.
- We continue our efforts to be essential, active participants with other stakeholders in the community in the design and implementation of the future of our region's healthcare.
- The MBIPA will soon have a second shareholder offering to broaden those who can participate in our governance (including the planned expansion of our board of directors).

Much more to come, but this minute is up...

- Jim