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The Electronic Transformation of West County Health Centers

A press conference presented by Dr. Jason Cunningham

Wednesday, March 19th, 5pm

Guerneville Public Library

Maggie Boynton Room

West County Health Centers, Inc, announces a series of presentations, “**The Electronic Transformation of West County Health Centers,**” to inform and educate the public about our transition to an electronic health record system.

Dr. Jason Cunningham will address the most frequently asked questions from patients, and explain West County Health Centers investment in technology and the seismic change that electronic records represent for health care in America. Dr. Cunningham will discuss the many advantages of Electronic Health Records for patients, providers, and communities served by West County Health Centers.

Our two health center sites in Guerneville and Occidental are set to “go live” in June 2008. West County Health Centers’ newest satellite in Sebastopol, which has served as the EHR pilot and training site, is already live. IT Specialists from West County Health Centers and the Redwood Community Health Coalition will be on hand for the technology demonstration and to answer technical questions about the system.

March 19 presentation schedule of events:

5:00 pm Welcome and Introduction of West County Health Centers
5:05 Introduction of Dr. Jason Cunningham- background information
5:10-5:45 Presentation on “The Electronic Transformation of West County Health Centers”

- What are the current challenges in health care?
- How do Electronic Health Records address these challenges?
- How much will it cost?
- How will WCHC implement electronic health records?
- What does this mean for patients?

- Frequently Asked Questions
 - What are the benefits of EHR?
 - Electronic Health Exchange Technology including patient and physicians portals
- 5:45 eClinicalWorks Demonstration
- 5:50 Question and answer period
- 6:00 Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine

Upcoming West County Health Centers' presentations for the public:

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West County Health Centers is part of Redwood Community Health Coalition (RCHC), a network of non-profit community health centers in northern California. West County Health Centers is the first of 10 health center organizations operating 18 healthcare sites in Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and Yolo counties that will implement this shared electronic health records system over the next three years.

West County Health Centers, Inc. (WCHC) provides comprehensive, quality and accessible health care services to the communities of West Sonoma County at three sites: Occidental Area Health Center, Russian River Health Center, and Sebastopol Community Health Center. We are a cohesive team of health care providers, support staff and volunteers dedicated to wellness, compassion, affordability and excellence of care. We believe in non-judgmental and equal care for all members of our diverse community. For more information, see: www.wchealth.org.

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