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New Board Member Joins Redlands Community Hospital

Contreras of Redlands Brings Education Experience to Health Care

REDLANDS, CA-- Redlands Community Hospital (RCH) has added a new member to its Board of Directors.

Yolanda Contreras, former director of state and federal programs for the Redlands Unified School district, attended her first hospital board meeting in May. Before retiring in July 2008, Contreras oversaw funds that came into the district and was in charge of assisting schools by providing services to students by hiring professionals and support personnel.

“Yolanda’s passion for education and her experience working with local families and educators will be a valuable addition to our board,” said Jim Holmes, CEO and president, Redlands Community Hospital. “She is well-known throughout the community and understands the needs of the Redlands community and the importance of providing a variety of resources to the different families.”

Contreras, a former teacher for the Redlands Unified School District, currently serves on the boards of the YMCA and Divine Strength Center. She is a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and volunteers for Santa Claus Incorporated, a group that provides toys and clothing during the holidays. Yolanda also loves to quilt, sew, and donate hand-made curtains to homes in Mexico.

“There is so much for me to learn about being a member of the board at Redlands Community Hospital,” said Contreras, who will also be part of the subcommittee for Patient Care. “I’m eager to make a contribution, connect with families and provide my input in order to make the hospital a stronger facility.”

Yolanda received her master’s degree in Administration Education from California State University, San Bernardino, and her bachelor’s degree in English, with a minor in Spanish, from San Diego State University. Contreras currently lives in Redlands with her husband David Joel and their two wonderful puppies Sito and Gigi.

Other distinguished members on the Redlands Community Hospital board of directors include chairman Robert Hodges, vice chairman and treasurer Peter Davis, secretary Stan Weisser, Kenneth Barr, Phil Doolittle, William Hatfield, Bill Heitritter, Dennis Hilliard, MD, Marvin Hudson, Ron Jeffrey, Pranav Mehta, MD, Phong Nguyen, MD, Larry Pyle, Kate Salvesson, Ted Shankel, MD, Dan Steele, Alvin Umeda, MD, and Jim Holmes, president and CEO of RCH,

Redlands Community Hospital is a 205-bed facility and has been a not-for-profit, stand-alone hospital serving the community since 1904. Now in its second century of providing quality healthcare for the community, Redlands Community Hospital has grown to more than 270 certified physicians, 1,400 employees and over 300 volunteers.

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