



BOOTHBAY REGION HEALTH CARE, INC.
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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Boothbay Region Health Care, Inc. is a Domestic Non-profit Corporation for the public benefit incorporated in the State of Maine on March 18, 2014. Directors of the Corporation are: Carl J. Hamrin, Gerald M. Homer, and Elizabeth Lussier.

As the year began we had just received a generous gift of \$100,000 to the Health and Wellness Foundation to be used for the further development and implementation of a plan to establish the Boothbay Region Health Center.

Boothbay Region Health Care, Inc. started the year kicking-off a public awareness publicity campaign designed to educate the community about an alternative primary health care practice model. (See Boothbay Register, Feb 11, 2015.) Throughout the year we have conducted more than 40 “parlor conversations” and meetings with individuals and families, local business owners and service clubs (Rotary, Lions and Senior Citizens), published several articles in the Boothbay Register, and, in March, conducted a potluck supper and public forum, all intended to acquaint the community with the concept for a locally-controlled community health center. As a result, we have built up a database of approximately 185 contacts including individuals and families. Forty six of those people have consented for us to publish their names as supporters (endorsers) and have offered their influence to encourage others to support our organizing effort as well.

In June we unveiled a new website at boothbayhealthcare.org which was designed for us by Suzy Massey of the Phoenix Massey Studio. The website provides another channel to reach out to the community with news about the Health Center and progress reports as we proceed with our campaign. As of the end of the year the site has had more than 2,500 “hits”.

In September we engaged the services of WBRC Architects and Engineers of Bangor and Portland to assist us by developing a schematic plan for the proposed health center and do a “test fit” to determine if we can fit into about 5,300 sq.ft. of space that is available for rent at a prime location in town. As we ended the year, we have a schematic plan for the health center and several three-dimensional renderings to illustrate what the health center would look like. These plans and renderings will be used as we proceed with more publicity and try to raise the start-up funds and working capital required to actually open the doors.

As the end of the year approached, we completed a long project to apply for Federal tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. We appreciate the help from Attorney Linda Yarmosh to complete the application. We now wait for the Determination Letter which we fully expect to receive, making any contributions to the Health Center eligible for tax deduction retroactive to March 18, 2014.

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We have developed and will continue to update a strategic plan to help us map out next steps and to keep our focus on the important actions that need to be accomplished.

Throughout the year we have established and/or maintained liaison with others in Maine, in New England and elsewhere across the country who are also working to reform the health delivery system and establish excellent quality primary care health service in other communities. Chief among these allies are Maine Quality Counts and Penobscot Community Health Centers. Also Iora Health, the Lown Institute and Primary Care Progress. We are presently working to establish relationships with University of New England Medical School and HealthReach Community Health Centers.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Gerald M. Homer, Director

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