

Commissioner Report Dec. 12, 2018 Sue Gold

I attended a meeting in Portland on 12/17 with several individuals representing the Governor's office Oregon Health Authority to discuss health care issues for Curry County. These were some of the outcomes from this meeting:

1. Officials agreed that it is legal and possible to have a critical access satellite hospital including an emergency room in Brookings.
2. This hospital/emergency room would be a satellite of Curry General Hospital so it could be a "win-win" for both Curry Health Network and the citizens of South Curry County.
3. We will be making efforts to get a feasibility study so that costs for this facility as well as the types of services that could be provided can be assessed. This study would look at the fiscal ramifications for Curry Health Network as well as the community.
4. Government officials, Curry Health Network representatives, and Curry County citizens will be kept "in the loop" as this venture proceeds.
5. The State officials will be providing technical support and information as we proceed.
6. The State officials stated that "we must remain focused on the desired outcome, which is to ensure that we meet the Triple Aim: Better Health, Better Care and Lower Costs. Our primary goal is to provide quality health care that serves all Oregonians!"
7. I will keep you posted on my progress of this project.