

Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County

July 28, 2015

The Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County is hosting a special presentation by the California TeleHealth Network (CTN), and we would like to invite your health care facility to participate. This presentation will be held on **Friday, September 11th, at 10 am**, at the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, 204 S. Oak St., Ukiah, CA.

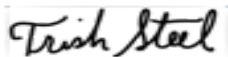
The CTN is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit, whose mission is to promote advanced information technologies and services to medically underserved and rural Californians to improve access to high quality healthcare. It is California's authorized FCC broadband consortia for healthcare, with priority access to the FCC's Healthcare Connect fund. CTN works with a diverse group of stakeholders (healthcare, technology, government agencies and others) to create a telecommunications infrastructure designed specifically for health care facilities that allows access to a broad range of innovative technology-enhanced services, leveraging and building upon California's investments. Enrollment also includes a 65% subsidy towards the cost to access CTN's network.

Currently there are four health care locations in Mendocino signed up with CTN, while others are signed up with another group (Tele-quality) for assistance with subsidies and grants for broadband access. CTN does this, plus more, such as tele-medicine/tele-health onsite training and support, health information exchange, software/hardware, tech support, and assistance with referring physicians and finding specialists that offer telemedicine examinations. They were recently awarded a 3-year RUS grant to assist members with procuring telemedicine equipment, and they expect to have 1,000 clinics participating by the end of year three. It would be beneficial to understand the differences between these groups so that you can choose to participate in the one that offers the highest benefit for your facility.

CTN will be sending a great crew for their presentation: Caren Bishop, Director of Site Services; Dan Kurywchak, CTN Chief Technology Officer; Eric Brown, CEO, and Gary Morton, Regional Outreach Engineer. They will be able to answer all your questions, and we invite you to mark your calendars and to send representatives to attend, learn more, and ask questions.

For more information, please go to our website at <http://www.mendocinobroadband.org/links/> for links to the CTN website, CTN brochure, press releases, and more.

We ask that you please RSVP for the meeting for any of your staff and/or board members by Sept. 4th so that we reserve a big enough room. You can also send any specific questions for CTN to me and I will forward to Caren before the meeting so they can be prepared to answer them. Please feel free to share this invite with other health care facilities and boards who may be interested in learning more.



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