

CEO ...

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Booth played an integral part in the expansion of primary care and dental services in Grants Pass and Cave Junction, along with adding on-site Pharmacies to both locations, a Walk-In Clinic, Laboratory, Radiology and Behavioral Health ancillary services. The addition of these services, as well as the expansion of primary care, has made Siskiyou Community Health Center the largest patient-centered medical home in the Rogue Valley.

Rich Booth, 43, is a Grants Pass High School graduate and attended Oregon State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in health care administration. He has a passion for working for Siskiyou Community Health Center because he understands the important role a health center such as Siskiyou plays within a community. Before becoming Siskiyou Community Health Center's COO, Booth worked for six years as the executive director of an Independent Physician Association in Portland which provided health care to more than 50,000 members in four Northwest counties. His duties included operational management for more than 115 primary-care pediatric providers, as well as serving as director of managed care and information technology for

24 primary care providers. He as also in charge of operational and personal management for all technology needs.

Jim Pilcher, chairman of the board of directors, expressed his excitement about Siskiyou's future and new CEO, "As the new CEO of SCHC, the board of directors applauds Rich Booth's loyalty to the past as established by the late Kurt Higuera. Rich's nine years of experience at SCHC will be the foundation for the quality care that is Siskiyou. His vision will guide the providers and staff through the turbulent and uncertain future that is American health care. Rich Booth is the perfect person to be leading SCHC today."

Founded in 1973, SCHC continues on its mission to build healthy communities by providing a wide range of affordable health services. SCHC's goal is to provide affordable health care for everyone, regardless of their financial situation. As a not-for-profit federally qualified health center, SCHC is able to offer a sliding fee scale for patients with no insurance. For those with insurance, SCHC also accepts most insurance plans including the Oregon Health Plan and Medicare. With his experience and thorough knowledge of the organization, the appointment of Rich Booth as CEO will ensure that Siskiyou Community Health Center continues to provide an affordable solution for quality health care for the entire community.



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Twangville was a crowd pleaser at Lake Selmac Saturday, June 22 for the annual Siskiyou Folk & Bluegrass Festival presented by the Rotary Club of the I.V.

FREEDOM ...

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The issue is scheduled to be brought up by the commissioners July 27 during the weekly business session, according to the minutes posted on the county's website. At the previous administration meeting July 20 all three commissioners said that the wording for order No. 2017-036 was agreeable.

Order No. 2017-036 will amend and clarify the "verbal vote" to read that county property cannot be used to host events in which people will possess, use, deliver or

manufacture cannabis. In addition, cannabis related events must include a statement that such possession, use, delivery or manufacture will not be permitted. Thirdly, it mandates that the county's policy manuals will be reviewed for appropriate amendments that will bring them into conformity with said policy.

"We've gotten their attention. They're going to change the ruling now," Seligman said, adding an analogy that summarizes his frustration and lingering anger at having his freedom of speech suppressed.

"If I robbed your house back in April and then said I'd return everything—I still robbed your house."

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