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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING & ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE
AND
ALAMEDA COUNTY RECYCLING BOARD**

**Thursday, August 14, 2014
4:00 p.m.**

**MedShare
2937 Alvarado Street
San Leandro, CA 94577
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Meeting is wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreter may be available upon five (5) days notice to 510-891-6500.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1st Vice President, Daniel O'Donnell, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Lorrin Ellis
Barbara Halliday
Chris Kirschenheuter
Daniel O'Donnell
Michael Peltz
Tim Rood for Anu Natarajan
Steve Sherman
Minna Tao
Gordon Wozniak

Staff Present:

Tom Padia, Recycling Director
Justin Lehrer, Senior Program Manager

III. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was none

IV. Overview: The MedShare Story

Andy Pines, Executive Director, and Ken Rogers, Warehouse and Operations Manager, welcomed the Board to MedShare and provided an overview of their operations. Mr. Pines noted that in addition to worldwide operations, MedShare also supplies local "safety net" and medical clinics. Mr. Sherman asked that MedShare, in any future grant applications or reports,

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try to quantify the amount of resources that are re-distributed in Alameda County (i.e. value that is recirculated in the local economy). Mr. Pines said they could do that.

Mr. Rogers noted that MedShare swaps inventory at times with other medical reuse non-profits, and when some items are past date of use, they try to donate them to organizations like RAFT (e.g. tubing) where they might be repurposed for non-medical uses. Mr. Sherman suggested that StopWaste could play a role as convener of a “reuse forum” where we could get various reuse enterprises both for-profit and non-profit together in a room to network and explore opportunities for synergies and swaps.

After the initial discussion, the Board took a tour of the warehouse. Here is a link to photo's taken during the tour: <http://www.stopwaste.org/docs/medshare-tour-photos.pdf>

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.