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DATE: April 7, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: *Liz Kniss*
Liz Kniss
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SUBJECT: Report of the Health and Hospital Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Health and Hospital Committee relating to meeting of March 18, 2009.
(Kniss)

Accept Committee Agenda items 4 -21 as information to the Board

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Committee accepted multiple information reports as well as reviewed FY 2010 budget proposals from the Mental Health and Public Health Departments.

With regard to the budget proposals, many speakers from the public testified to the importance of medical therapy services being provided through Public Health's California Children's Services at the Juana Briones and Chandler Tripp sites. The Director of Public Health, Dan Peddycord, was able to share new information regarding revenue sources that will lesson the reduction of services to these clients. Detailed information will be included in

the County Executives recommended budget.

The Mental Health Department (MHD) is also working to create new models of care utilizing the "medical home model" and FQHC sites. Although this is good news, the MHD remains in the throes of change due to massive reductions to the most vulnerable populations. This includes consideration by the Board with regard to uninsured versus insured (Medicare or Medi-Cal) capacity to treat and type of service offered. Because this implies a policy change, the Board is asked to take this up in its April 21st meeting agenda - the MHD will place a transmittal on the agenda. Speakers also testified on the MHD budget with regard to the importance of continuing to fund the BAP Acute Psychiatric facility at full capacity. An update on the MHD efforts to reduce the budget impacts is expected in May.

The Committee accepted a report entitled update from the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System (SCVHHS) on Measure A relating to the development of medical facilities in Downtown San Jose. The report outlined a plan to undertake an assessment study related to where and what type of facility the Measure A Bond Funds would be used to meet the need for a health facility in or near downtown San Jose. The Committee raised questions related to communication between the City of San Jose and the County, the work related to assessment already undertaken by the City, and the apparently lengthy time frame proposed. The HHS has since responded to these inquiries off-agenda and will place a report back to the HHC on its April 14, 2009 meeting agenda for further discussion. The Committee will then have a recommendation to the Board.

Accept quarterly report from the Ambulatory Care and Community Health Services Department on the Adult Health Coverage Initiative, including the Valley Care and Healthy Workers Programs for period October 1, 2008 through December 30, 2008.

Accept monthly status report from the Mental Health Department on the 24-Hour Care System, including Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Progress.

ATTACHMENTS

- 3/18/09 Committee Agenda