

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
Departmental Correspondence

DATE: February 12, 2002

HEARING DATE February 26, 2002

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Margaret Taylor, Interim CEO, Hospital and Clinics *MT*

SUBJECT: An agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System for the Provision of Space and Resources for Willow Clinic and the Methadone Treatment Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an amendment to the agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System for the provision of space and resources for Willow Clinic and the Methadone Treatment Program.

Background

In March 1997, your Board approved a Sharing Agreement with Department of Veteran's Affairs Palo Alto Health Care system (VAPAHCAS) for space on the Menlo Park campus to locate and operate the Willow Clinic. The Clinic has been operational since that time. Subsequently, you also approved several amendments to the agreement, which have added space and services to the clinic.

On June 6, 2000, your Board directed the Health Department to take over the operations of the County's Methadone Treatment Program. On June 16, 2000, the VAPAHCS issued a "Revocable License" allowing the County to take possession of a portion of Building #137 on the Menlo Park campus and begin renovations for the operation of the Methadone Clinic, which opened on July 1, 2000.

Discussion

This amendment continues the lease arrangements for both the Willow Clinic and the Methadone Clinic on the Menlo Park VA campus and combines what were previously two separate agreements. The Willow Clinic agreement expired on August 12, 2001. The delay in completion of a renewal lease was caused by the County's request that VAPAHCAS review and revise downward their rent projections for the Menlo Park campus property. Having done so, this amendment incorporates the "Revocable License" for the Methadone Treatment Program into the "Sharing Agreement" for the

Willow Clinic. It is an annual agreement retroactive to August 12, 2001, and renewable one year at a time, for up to 4 additional years. Each successive years agreement will be brought to your Board for approval. The agreement includes operational space for both clinics; use of radiological, optometric, medical records and dental equipment; and the provision of laboratory, pharmacy and security services.

County Counsel has approved this agreement.

#### Vision Alignment

This agreement with the VAPAHCAS keeps the commitment of Ensuring Basic Health and Safety for All and goal number 5: Residents have access to healthcare and preventive care. The agreement contributes to this commitment and goal by providing a location in the southern part of the county where primary care and methadone treatment services can be provided.

#### Term and Fiscal Impact

The term of the Sharing Agreement amendment is from August 12, 2001 through August 11, 2002. The total amount of the Sharing Agreement for both the Willow Clinic and the Methadone Clinic is \$770,138. This amount exceeds the FY 2001-02 budget, by \$105,000 and was included in the mid-year budget report to the Board of Supervisors. The increase for both programs will be reflected in the recommended budget for FY 2002-03.