



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



DATE: October 26, 2011
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 15, 2011
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: Fourteen day posting
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer
San Mateo Medical Center

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Proposed Reduction in Health Services Beginning
on or about December 1, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

- A) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed elimination of the County's Methadone Treatment Program on or about December 1, 2011; and
- B) Adopt an ordinance amending the Master Salary Ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) currently provides methadone maintenance treatment and detoxification services through its Methadone Treatment Program, located on the SMMC Willow Campus in Menlo Park, CA. At present, there are 235 individuals enrolled in the program.

In 2009 SMMC reported to your Board's Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee that the Health System would be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify a private methadone provider so that the County could close its clinic and assure that methadone services would still be available within the County. The RFP was released on June 3, 2009, and Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc. (BAART) was selected as the most qualified provider.

DISCUSSION:

SMMC has operated a methadone treatment program on the campus of the Veterans Administration for the past ten years. With this proposed change, SMMC will eliminate its program and transition the patients presently enrolled in the County program to a methadone maintenance treatment and detoxification program operated by Bay Area Addiction and Treatment (BAART).

The transition will occur upon the completion of licensing with the State and with the

Drug Enforcement Agency. At that time an arrangement will be made to transfer the remaining term of the lease, along with other program details and client records. On an interim basis, BAART would continue to use the site currently occupied by the SMMC Methadone Clinic until BAART can locate a new site.

California Health and Safety Code section 1442.5 (Beilenson Act) requires a Board of Supervisors to conduct public hearings whenever hospitals close or reduce services. Under the Beilenson Act, public notice must be posted at the entrance to all county health facilities at least 14 days prior to the public hearing date. The required notice has been posted (in English and Spanish) in accordance with this Act.

The closure of the County's Methadone Program was included in the review of the County's annual budget and approved by your Board at the June budget hearings.

The Salary Ordinance Amendment is necessary to complete the transition of the program. Business Agents for the represented bargaining units have been noticed of the change. Fourteen full-and part-time positions will be deleted, of which, twelve are filled. The Health System has developed a plan for placement of all but two of the incumbents, and is working with Human Resources for alternatives.

The Notice of Public Hearing was reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The Public Hearing and subsequent closure of the County's Methadone Clinic contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by supporting cost-effective service delivery of services provided to the community. It is anticipated that SMMC's cost per adjusted patient day will be \$920.

Performance Measure:

Measure	FY 2010-11 Actual	FY 2011-12 Projected
SMMC cost per adjusted patient day	\$900	\$920

*Due to increase in operating costs

FISCAL IMPACT

An estimated \$626,442 in annual savings would be generated through this change. Those savings have been included in the SMMC FY 2011-12 Adopted Budget.

ORDINANCE NO.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 04515

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Part 13 of the Ordinance is amended as indicated:

ORGANIZATION 66000 SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER

1. Item F009S, Patient Care Series is decreased by 5 positions for a new total of 555 positions.
2. Item G112S, Community Worker Series is decreased by 4 positions for a new total of 15 positions.
3. Item E411S, Patient Services Assistant Series is decreased by 2 positions for a new total of 95 positions.
4. Item F127S, Supervising Physician Series is decreased by 1 position for a new total of 9 positions.
5. Item G081, Mental Health Program Specialist is decreased by 1 position for a new total of 0 positions.
6. Item G040S, Mental Health Caseworker Series is decreased by 1 position for a new total of 2 positions.

SECTION 2. The change in this ordinance is effective at the start of the first pay period 30 days following adoption.