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Dr Romfus shld have good info on chronic diseases in SD

Under: BCU - CMS - HLT or CMS

DATE: December 10, 1991

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: Blue Ribbion Health Commission (Requested by Supervisor Leon L. Williams)

SUMMARY:

Issue

Should the Board of Supervisors establish a Blue Ribbon Health Commission which will examine and make recommendation to address issues contributing to the Health Care Crises of this county ?

Reference Supervisor Leon L. Williams

On November 26th, the Chief Administrative Officer ~~presented~~ informed ~~to~~ the Board of Supervisors an additional ~~$15.6~~ 13.25 million budget deficit. Throughout our ~~1990-91~~ 1991-92 budget process, ~~xyz~~ (insert) have been identified as service priorities of this Board. Our ~~Any~~ attempts to elimination or decrease this budget deficit will most certainly ~~depend upon the~~ result in a decrease ~~of~~ in service delivery ~~by~~ capability in each priority area.

Recommendation

Request of the CAO to report back to this Board on the immediate etablishment and composition of an Ad-Hoc Blue Ribbon Health Committee which will address those areas listed below and other areas as are important for this Board to be aware of.

♦ examine the County's responsiblity and provide recommendation for modification if any in the County's provision of health care for residents under Section 17000 of the Welfare & Institutions Code.

♦ examine models availalble for publicly financed health care systems

♦ examine the impact of current federal discussion on helath care systems and identify how and when these discussion will impact the County's Health Care Crises.

♦ identify benifits which would encourage small business to provide helath insurance and or participate in universal health insurance

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♦ identify avenues for County's particpation in legislative changes addressing liability and tort reform as it pertains to health care.

****** ♦ appoint Supervisor Leon Williams as a Co - Chair to this committee

Fiscal Impact

None

Background

On ? the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of responsibility for delivery of medical serivces back to the state. In light of this action and the County budget deficit identified at the time, many individuals, groups and organizations gave testimoney to the board as to the impact elimination or reduction of medical services would have on the lives of county residents.

On ? ,1991 the courts ordered the State to continue its 1989-90 fiscal responsibility for delivery of medical services to the 25,000 medically indigent county residents utilizing the County's medical service system.

On July 23, 1991 the Board approved the development of a task force to address the delivery of County medical services.

Begining Janurary of 1992 this County Board of Supervisors will begin to grapple with the delivery of health services to the indigent under the new concept of "Realignment". Many uncertainties still remain as to the fiscal impact for this County given the legislative adoption of "Realignment" measures. These uncertainties increase when coupled with the addition of a $3 billion State budget deficit.

The status of our County Medical Service system is such that we can no longer sustain additional fiscal decreases without jeopardizing the very provision of health services. The incidence of chronic deseases are increase across the country.

in S.D. only due to ~~[illegible]~~ & have been impacted + lack of treatment

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~~We cannot afford to risk the lives~~ of children who as our greatest assest are plague by measles for lack of vacination, ~~or~~ Senior citizen who have contributed to the wealth of this county ~~to be~~ ??????? ~~or pregnant~~ women ~~to be~~ denied health care ~~for lack of~~ ????? Services

cannot ~~believe~~ make children

for fear of being

I firmley believe that the lack of health services will have a long range impact on the quality of individuals, families, neighborhoods and cities in this county. Aside from the unknown factors with "realiignment" there are a number of other variables which continue to reduce the resources available for this County to fullfill it's responsibility in providing health care services to our 2.5 million residents.

Therfore, if we are to appropriate respond to the health needs of our 2.5 million residents we must face the challenge of redesigning our delivery of health care. Any form of redesign will require legislative action coupled with coordination amoung public and private resources.

Our per capita rate of State general funds continues to go unresolved. If San Diego were to receive the statewide average, which I believe is justly due us, we would have an additional $100 million per fiscal year for provision of services. Priority must be given to continue working with our legislative representatives to dilegently pursued the rectification of this injustice.

The increasing number of residents who have no health insurance has reached drastice porportions. Currently there are approximately 575,000 residents beyond those elegible for County Medical Services who have no medical insurance. This figure is comprise mostly of children and indivuals employed yet offered no health insurance.

We must take immediate action to redesign our drastically under-funded health care system. The solution lies in collaboration of business, government, the communities at risk and providers working together to utilize existing resources more efficiently. Education of the public to adjust their expectations and to play a role in our own wellnes must also be addresed.

The Boards' action of July 23, 1991 should be acted upon immediately to address the above concerns and other areas necessary for resolution to this Countys' health care crises.

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Respectfully Submitted,

LEON L. WILLIAMS
Board of Supervisors
Fourth District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: Development of an Ad-Hoc Blue Ribbon Health Commettee

SUPV. DISTRICT: ALL

COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL: Form and Legality ( )Yes ( )N/A
( )Standard Form ( )Ordinance ( )Resolution

AUDITOR APPROVAL: (X)N/A ( )Yes 4 VOTES: ( )Yes ( )No

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW: ( )Yes ( )No N/A

CONTRACT REVIEW PANEL: ( )Approved _____
(X)N/A

CONTRACT NUMBER(S): N/A

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTION: July 23, 1991 #

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE: N/A

CITIZEN COMMITTEE STATEMENT: N/A

POLICY B-51 STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:

CONCURRENCES:

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Fourth Supervisorial District

CONTACT PERSON: ISABELLE T. PEREZ S30/531-5544 A500

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MEETING DATE