

Agenda For Beilenson Hearings 3/23/2004

Solano County Health and Social Services

Notice of Public Hearing Due to Reduction of Public Health Services

Hearing to be held:

Tuesday, March 23, 2004
at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Solano County Board of Supervisors Chambers
580 Texas Street
Fairfield, Ca 94533

Program	Location	Service Reduction	Amount	Impact of Reduction
BU 7804 – Melvin Thompson Center	1680 Fairgrounds Drive			
Vallejo	Service reduction: Substance abuse services will no longer be provided at the Center, and clients will need to obtain services at other H&SS locations. Health outreach services will no longer be provided on-site.			

Staffing reduction: .8 Clinical Services Associate; 1.0 Health Services Manager; 1.0 Health Assistant; .6 Office Assistant II \$42,081 Services to 80 new substance abuse clients will not be provided at the Melvin Thompson Center annually.

Health outreach will not be provided at the site for up to 150 homeless and/or low income clients.

BU 7807 – Public Health Laboratory	355 Tuolumne Street
Vallejo	Service reduction: Due to the reduction of a lab technician, the length of time for processing of lab specimens will increase as the courier may be missed.

Staffing reduction: 1.0 Public Health Lab Technician, 1.0 Office Supervisor \$20,213 The length of time to process approximately 28,500 lab specimens will increase due to a reduction in staffing to process the specimen.

BU 7831 – Public Health Nursing	Countywide	Service reduction: Elimination of 2,082 Public Health Nurse visits to 1,388 high risk mothers with infants.
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Eliminate Health Assistant providing outreach and assistance to homeless population.

Staffing reduction: 2.7 FTE Public Health Nurse, 1.0 Health Assistant	\$49,687	Est. 1,388
parent with children annually will not receive a visit from a Public Health Nurse.		

Est. 200 homeless clients annually will not receive case management services

BU 7833 – Immunization Clinics	Countywide	Service reduction: Eliminating 346 service hours of an immunization clinic nurse. Services include referrals and immunization screening. Results in longer waits for immunization services, limit # of children seen in clinic. Results in missed opportunities to vaccinate, and lower rates of immunization in underserved population.
\$9,000	Estimated 430 children would miss vaccinations.	

BU 7843 – Nutrition Special Projects Countywide Service reduction: Reduction of WIC services to clients in the community, which will result in less clients being served as they will need to find transportation to other WIC sites.

Staff reductions: 1.5 Health Assistants, .5 Office Assistant II, 1.0 Office Aide, 1.75 Public Health Nutritionists, .6 Supervising PH Nutritionist \$49,115 550 WIC participants will not receive services at Travis Air Force Base.

675 WIC participants will not receive services at the READY Center in Vallejo.

BU 7854 - CHDP Countywide Service reduction: Eliminates a Health Assistant. The result is a

reduction of outreach services to children to establish and maintain health care access and insurance and eliminating this program's outreach at Health Fairs.

Staffing reduction: 1.0 Health Assistant \$9,657 Approximately 1,000 potential CHDP - eligible clients.

BU 7583 – Family Health Services 355 Tuolumne Street Vallejo

2101 Courage Drive

Fairfield Service reduction: Reduction of pediatrician and staff support time by 32 hours per week in the Fairfield clinic. This reduction will decrease the number of pediatric office visits, and newborn hospital discharge visits.

Contract physician time will also be reduced which will impact client access to the clinics. Patients will need to wait longer for appointments.

Reduction in medical services in the clinic will result in fewer medications for clients, and fewer referrals to specialty care.

Staffing reduction: .8 Clinic Physician; 1.0 Clinic Nurse; 1.0 Medical Assistant \$85,822
Elimination of 4,600 pediatric office visits for acute and chronic disease and health screening.

Elimination of 600 newborn office visits for infants discharged from the newborn nursery at North Bay Medical Center.

Closure of evening clinic in Fairfield 2 nights per week.

BU 7587 – Dental Clinic 2101 Courage Drive Fairfield Service reduction: Reductions in specialty medical/dental services

for patients in the Fairfield Dental Clinic. Specialty services include crowns, stay plates, and dentures. Reduction in contract dentist time also reduced. This will impact client access to a dentist. Client service will also be impacted by a reduction in clerical staff. Scheduling of appointments, copying of dental records, and collection of payments from patients will be delayed as existing staff will need to absorb the duties. The reduction of a dental assistant will impact the efficiency of a patient visit as one less Dental Assistant will be available to help the Dentist.

Staff reduction: 1.0 Office Assistant II, 1.0 Dental Assistant \$46,708 45 uninsured patients needing dentures or repairs on dentures,

stay plates, or crowns will not receive the dental appliances.

517 patients who use the clinic for an average of 3 visits will not receive appointments.