



Briefs

Regional News from HASC

OC Explores Multiservice Centers for Homeless

On Jan. 30, the Orange County Board of Supervisors held a Special Board Meeting to discuss the concept of Multiservice Centers as a tool for gathering various service providers together in one place to respond to the needs of Orange County's homeless population.

Similar centers in Los Angeles County (The Path Mall) and other parts of the nation were cited as best practices, with strong track records for not only providing temporary shelter, but also for breaking the cycle of homelessness among the clients served. The concept was very well received by the audience of approximately 100 elected officials, service providers, County staff, law enforcement, and others.

Informal feedback received from OC hospital discharge planners to date indicates that Multiservice Centers would be a tremendous help as they strive to connect homeless patients with services at the time of discharge, to ensure the patients can continue recovering from their illnesses and/or injuries.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the OC Board directed the County Chief Executive Officer to explore options for establishing one or more Multiservice Centers in the county and reporting back to the Board with an action plan.

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HASC Appoints Surge Planning Coordinators

HASC has recently appointed two Regional Hospital Surge Planning Coordinators, who will be responsible for assisting in the development and implementation of surge capacity plans for every hospital located within their designated hospital association sub-regions.

Each coordinator will provide technical assistance to hospitals, and serve as a liaison between the hospitals, local county health department staff, regional associations, and the director of Surge/Disaster Planning for CHA. Key goals of the position include simplifying, expediting, and resolving communication issues between hospitals and government agencies relating to disaster planning and surge capacity development.

Mary Massey will be the coordinator for Orange County and the Inland Empire; she will be working out of Orange County. Prior to joining HASC, she served as Paramedic/Disaster Coordinator for Anaheim Memorial Medical Center.

Ryan Burgess will be based in Ventura, where he will be the coordinator responsible for Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. He previously worked as Disaster Resource Center Manager for UCLA Medical Center.

CHA secured funding for the new positions from the State Department of Health Services to assist hospitals in surge planning coordination and other disaster-planning activities with state and local government agencies.

Additional funds were secured from Los Angeles County to supplement state funding for Ryan's position. Funding was made available by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), through grants aimed at improving hospital preparedness and response to public health emergencies.

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HASC Announces 2007 Committee Leadership

The following standing committees and chairs have been appointed for 2007.

Allied for Health Compensation Practices Committee

Chair: John Barnes, Director of Human Resources, Beverly Hospital
Staff: Teri Hollingsworth, Director of Human Resource Services, HASC

Statewide Human Resources Advisory Committee

Chair: TBA
Staff: Nancy Rubin, Vice President of Human Resources, HASC

Contracting Committee

Chair: Sandra Reilly, Director of Managed Care, Pomona Valley Hospital
Staff: George Mack, FACHE, Vice President of Member Relations, HASC

Accreditation & Licensure Committee

Chair: Tricia Kassab, RN, Director of Clinical Quality, St. Joseph Health System – Orange
Staff: George Mack, FACHE, Vice President of Member Relations, HASC; Leonore Tramontano, Consultant, HASC

Hospital Quality Committee

Chair: S.Gainer Pillsbury, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Long Beach Memorial
Staff: Debby Rogers, Vice President of Quality and Emergency Services, CHA; Jim Barber, President/CEO, HASC; Daniel Lang, MD, Medical Director, HASC; Barbara Hill, Director of Government Relations, HASC; Sue Bartlett, RN, Director of Quality Initiatives, HCNC

Public Affairs Committee

Chair: TBA
Staff: Jennifer Bayer, Director of Public Affairs, HASC

SB Supervisors Consider Tobacco Settlement Recommendations

Santa Barbara's Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee (TSAC) recently presented its 2007-08 funding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Board is presently considering the proposals, although they won't take final action until budget deliberations in the spring.

Next year's allocation from the State is estimated to be \$4.45 million. But due to litigation initiated by the tobacco indus-

try against the Attorney General's office in 2006, TSAC is conservatively estimating an 18 percent withhold into a "disputed payments" account that will reduce the county's funding by \$800,000, leaving a balance of \$3.6 million.

To make up the shortfall from \$4.7 million in suggested allocations, the committee is recommending a loan from its endowment account to cover the differ-

ence. Any funding recovered from the litigation would be returned to the account to repay the loan.

Hospitals, emergency room physician groups, and community primary and specialty care physicians account for 43 percent of the funds.

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Medical Staff Advisory Committee

Chair: S. Gainer Pillsbury, MD, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center
Staff: Mark Gamble, Regional Vice President – Greater Los Angeles, HASC

Safety & Security Committee

Chair: Rudy Jimenez, CHPA, Director of Security Services & Parking, St. Joseph Hospital – Orange, and Children's Hospital of Orange County
Staff: Aviva Truesdell, Senior Vice President, HASC/AllHealth Security

Los Angeles Hospital Leadership Group

Chair: Michael Hunn, Administrator, Little Company of Mary Hospital
Staff: Mark Gamble, Regional Vice President – Greater Los Angeles, HASC

Los Angeles Emergency Health Services Committee

Chair: Dennis Lee, President/CEO, Methodist Hospital of Southern California
Staff: Mark Gamble, Regional Vice President – Greater Los Angeles, HASC

Los Angeles E-Health Work Group

Chair: Matt Gerlach, Chief Administrative Officer, Providence Health System – Southern California Region
Staff: Mark Gamble, Regional Vice President – Greater Los Angeles, HASC

Orange County Executive Board

Chair: Kimberly Cripe, CEO,

Children's Hospital of Orange County

Staff: Julie Puentes, Regional Vice President – Orange County, HASC

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

Chair: Mary Botticella, CEO, Huntington Beach Hospital
Staff: Julie Puentes, Regional Vice President – Orange County, HASC

Orange County Medical Services for Indigents (MSI) Committee

Chair: Steve McNamara, CFO, Anaheim Memorial Medical Center
Staff: Julie Puentes, Regional Vice President – Orange County, HASC

Orange County CalOPTIMA Managed Care (CMC) Committee

Chair: Dan Brothman, CEO, Western Medical Center, Santa Ana
Staff: Julie Puentes, Regional Vice President – Orange County, HASC

Santa Barbara County Hospital Administrators

Chair: Jim Raggio, CEO, Lompoc Healthcare District
Staff: Monty Clark, Regional Vice President – Santa Barbara/Ventura, HASC

Ventura County Hospital Administrators

Chair: Gary Wilde, CEO, Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura
Staff: Monty Clark, Regional Vice President – Santa Barbara/Ventura, HASC

Inland Region Hospital CEOs

Chair: Jaime Wesolowski, CEO, Riverside Community Hospital
Staff: Christina Bivona-Tellez, Regional Vice President – Inland Area, HASC

Inland Area Medi-Cal Managed Care Committee

Chair: Sandra Reilly, Director of Managed Care, Pomona Valley Hospital
Staff: Christina Bivona-Tellez, Regional Vice President – Inland Area, HASC

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Committees: Three Regional Committees

BHS Committee – Inland

Chair: Cynthia Howard, Corona Regional Medical Center
Staff: Christina Bivona-Tellez, Regional Vice President – Inland Area, HASC; Monty Clark, Regional Vice President – Santa Barbara/Ventura, HASC

BHS Committee – Los Angeles

Chair: John Adam, Director of Behavioral Services, Glendale Adventist
Staff: Mark Gamble, Regional Vice President – Greater Los Angeles, HASC; Monty Clark, Regional Vice President – Santa Barbara/Ventura, HASC

BHS Committee – Orange County

Chair: Linda Esser, Associate Administrator, Collegen Hospital
Staff: Julie Puentes, Regional Vice President – Orange County, HASC; Monty Clark, Regional Vice President –