

May 18, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services Requests "Beilenson Hearing"

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct Beilenson Hearing as required by California Health and Safety Code §1442.5 to receive public input regarding proposed service reductions in the Division of Public Health.

SUMMARY: The proposed County budget for FY 10/11 includes elimination of the County's provision of gynecological services at the Marin Health and Wellness Campus. The proposed reductions are set forth in the attached Notice of Public Hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing indicates the number of people directly affected by the proposed service reductions. However, it is important to note that not all of these people will necessarily be impacted by the County's specific service reduction. For example, the Department believes that the same number of clients can be served through existing community clinics, including the Marin Community Clinics site next door to the Marin Health and Wellness Campus.

California Health and Safety Code Section 1442.5 requires a specified method of notice and hearing regarding certain public health program cuts, commonly called "Beilenson Hearings". In accordance with this statute, the Department posted the attached Notice of Public Hearing, at its various health care facilities throughout the County since May 4, 2010, fourteen days prior to this hearing. Additionally, the Department has provided a 24-hour special information line.

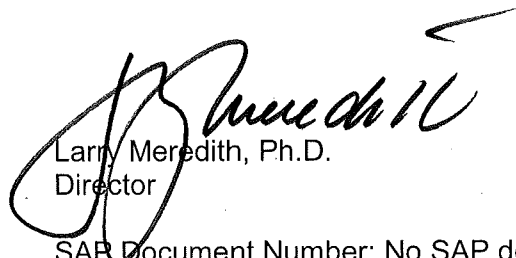
Following the Beilenson Hearing, your Board will separately consider the overall County budget, including the cuts addressed in the Beilenson notice.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: The hearing presents an opportunity for the public to provide input to your Board prior to the adoption of proposed budget and service reductions.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed budget adjustments are included in the Administrator's proposed budget adjustments to your Board.

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Respectfully submitted,



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