

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Fast Track request for Borrego Community Health Foundation Medical Clinic (non-profit)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors grant Fast-Track status for Medical Clinic Expansion

BACKGROUND:

Borrego Community Health Foundation (BCHF) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) federally qualified health center that operates 10 clinics, two mobile dental clinics and one mobile medical clinic in a 150-mile corridor on the eastern side of the counties of Riverside and San Diego. Health services are delivered to communities impacted by families with incomes under 200% of poverty. In 2006, BCHF assumed responsibility for two migrant health clinics in the Coachella Valley. The Centro Medico Oasis and Centro Medico Coachella clinics are located on school grounds and have provided comprehensive primary healthcare services to the schools and the surrounding communities. This request concerns the Centro Medico Oasis Clinic.

The Centro Medico Oasis Clinic is located on the old Oasis Elementary School campus, on five acres in a remote agricultural area. This facility is crucial to providing medical care to eastern Coachella Valley residents. We have been provided U.S. Census Bureau data that indicates approximately 28% of the population lives below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and 62% live at or below 200% of the FPL.

The proposed project will provide four additional exam rooms and will include the installation of digital X-ray equipment that can transmit to the radiologist for immediate reading when necessary. It will also include implementation of electronic health records, which will require equipment purchases. The adjacent former school building will be transformed into a community service center through a collaborative program that will provide a multitude of social services. The clinic will continue the integration of healthcare services at the Oasis Elementary School with on-campus services and will provide transportation from the school to the clinic utilizing an existing van. The clinic now provides services on weekends and holidays.

The urgent health care needs of this federally declared "Medically Underserved Population" justify fast-track status for this proposed project.



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