

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Health Care Governance Committee Monthly Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the Health Care Governance Committee Monthly Update

BACKGROUND:

This monthly report to the Board provides an update on various activities and issues related to implementation of health care reform in Riverside County. Included this month, is an update on the health and mental health delivery system strategic plan request for proposal, State Medi-Cal expansion and Cal MediConnect.

Departmental Concurrence

Debra Cournoyer
Debra Cournoyer, Deputy County Executive Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Christopher M. Hans*

County Executive Office Signature Christopher M. Hans

- Consent
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3/26/13, 4/30/13 2.1

District: All

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On May 7, 2013, item 3-4, the Board approved the agreement with Huron Consulting to assess the Riverside County health and mental health delivery system, provide recommendations and develop a strategic plan. The financial and operational performance of the hospital will also be examined and evaluated; and, recommendations offered to improve and strengthen the fiscal footing. It is anticipated that the final reports will be available in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

The two Medi-Cal expansion measures, SBX1 1 (Hernandez-D) and ABX1 1 (J. Perez-D), expanding Medi-Cal eligibility under the federal Affordable Care Act have passed out of their house of origin and continue to work their way through the legislative process. The Legislature is urging the Governor to act swiftly and sign these measures so that over one million uninsured Californians can get coverage. The federal health care law ensures that, for the first few years, the federal government picks up 100 percent of the cost for expansion. A point of concern for counties is the Governor's decision to link the Medi-Cal expansion to his proposal to "capture" for the state's benefit, some of the state dollars that counties now use to provide health care to the low-income and uninsured, any of whom would enroll in Medi-Cal under the expansion. County officials and health advocates worry that the state may shift too much funding, too soon, from counties. It is expected that the resolution of these issues will be handled through the budget process.

As reported last month, the State recently received federal approval to implement the duals demonstration project which is part of the larger Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and has recently been renamed Cal MediConnect. This pilot program brings together the managed care providers and the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program with a focus on enhancing health outcomes for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities, specifically persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal. It was anticipated that pilot program could begin as early as October however, in order to give every issue full consideration the State is now working toward a January 2014 start date.