



**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 2.2  
(ID # 23389)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 31, 2023

**FROM :** RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER:

**SUBJECT:** RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – MEDICAL CENTER: Approve Environment of Care Plans.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Governing Board:

1. Review and approve the attached Environment of Care Plans.

**ACTION:Consent**

Jennifer Cruikshank | Chief Executive Officer – Health System | 10/24/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Washington  
Date: October 31, 2023  
xc: RUHS-MC

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 22/23 - 23/24</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside University Health System Medical Center (RUHS MC) is a licensed and accredited acute care hospital serving the needs of County residents since 1893. RUHS MC currently has two campuses – one in Moreno Valley and one off County Farm Road in the City of Riverside.

As an acute care hospital RUHS MC is required by the State of California to have a “governing body” separate from its administrative leaders and medical staff leadership. The “governing body” is “the person, persons, board of trustees, directors or other body in whom the final authority and responsibility is vested for conduct of the hospital.” 22 CCR §70035. (See also 42 CFR 482.12 and Joint Commission Standard LD.01.03.01) The Board of Supervisors serves as the “governing body” for the hospital.

Various regulatory requirements mandate that the Governing Board participate in the leadership and decision-making of the Medical Center by reviewing and approving its plans relating to certain topics. The attached plans relate to: the “Environment of Care”.

The Medical Center’s Plans cover the three basic elements of the Environment of Care:

- The building or space, including how it is arranged and the special features that protect patients, visitors, and staff
- Equipment used to support patient care or to safely operate the building or space
- People, including those who work within the hospital, patients, and anyone else who enters the environment, all of whom have a role in minimizing risks.

RUHS-MC is committed to furnishing a safe, accessible, effective and efficient environment consistent with its mission, services and applicable governmental mandates. This includes fostering the protection, safety and well-being of patients, employees, staff and visitors during

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natural or man-made disasters and ensuring to the greatest extent possible, adherence to our social responsibility and commitment to the community.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The RUHS Medical Center offers a 439-bed providing adult, Pediatric and Neonatal Services, including a Level 1 Trauma Center, the county's only Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, a Stroke Center, with over 40 specialty care clinics, as well as a Medical and Surgical Center featuring state-of-the-art Outpatient Surgical, Diagnostic and Imaging Equipment, Rehabilitation Services, and an Outpatient Pharmacy. The RUHS Emergency Treatment Services/Inpatient Treatment Facility at the Arlington Campus located in Riverside is a 77-bed inpatient Psychiatric Treatment Facility. The integrated healthcare continuum is fortified with 14 RUHS-CHCs conveniently located throughout the county which work in close partnership with RUHS-BH and RUHS-PH to offer access to comprehensive high-quality and integrated primary, Behavioral Health, Specialty Care, Dental Care and Health Promotion services.

Training future healthcare leaders is fundamental to our commitment to serving our community as well as our mission as a safety net institution. An efficient, well-functioning medical center providing care of high quality creates many positive benefits for Riverside County citizens and its businesses.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachments: 2022-2023 Environment of Care Plans**

  
Jacqueline Ruiz, Sr. Management Analyst 10/25/2023

  
Gregg Gu, Chief Deputy County Counsel 10/25/2023