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Subject: [External] PSYCHIATRIC APPROPRIATIONS (Please file with agenda item 14.)

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Hi Supervisors,

\$7M for Tri-City Clinic in Vista, where there are already psychiatric facilities, but only \$1M for East County, where there are none? \$16.8M for 12 beds at Edgemoor (that's 1.4M/bed)? - ridiculous!

You want to shift future services at the County Psychiatric Hospital facility from acute and emergency care to a new optimal array of services to be informed through a Request for Information, which may include a small psychiatric acute inpatient unit and subacute care. Sounds a bit like you want to keep more patients at the hospital lockup.

And then you say the final service array will be informed by revenue modeling to determine availability of funding to sustain operations. Are we talking a hospital run by doctors or accountants.

This sounds like care but only if the County can afford it.

Regards,

Paul Henkin