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Subject: [External] SOLICITATION FOR FAMILY HOME VISITING SUPPORT SERVICES (Please include with Agenda #4)
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Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

Evidence based, huh? Again, there's no attachment to show us the actual evidence although there is evidence in the Board Letter that the current programs are doing fine. These programs include home visits and I hope these do not include recommendations for involuntary confinement. We do not need Polinsky involved, although maybe it needs a few more home visits to see and stop what is going on. But, the letter says, "Through a business re-engineering process, HHSA has determined that a more equitable and effective option would be to integrate these two programs to optimize the level of care provided to the families receiving home visitation services and maximize available revenue."

HHSA doesn't tell us which 2 programs. And they seem concerned about maximizing revenues as much as optimizing care. So I'm not sure if this follows a model or is in fact individualized treatment. Just because we're in a budget crisis does not mean we can forget the individual.

Therefore, when the Recommendation says to do new contracts in the midst of a budget crisis where you have a huge deficit, the Fed's just pulled back \$40 mil of approved funding from HHSA, and it wants to replace programs that are working, I would say it has something on its mind other than the County's health and well being.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

One of the speakers keeps mentioning that government tends to shut down programs which accomplish their mission. This seems to be a good example of that.

Please reject this half-baked, ill-defined item.