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Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

Another proposal based on old data. The earlier Financial summary says “Funding will be based on the redirection of amounts set aside for the December 10, 2024, actions that are proposed for recission today .” Also claims \$400,000 in costs. This has also surely changed since it was written.

Looking at the workforce, it is clear that all of these changes require new hires, especially if BHS becomes its own department rather than relying on existing hospital expertise. It also seems that we will be handling about 100,000 new applicant for work requirements and eligibility for services. The current workforce will not be able to handle this and you probably lack personnel with the proper training.

Not sure why the August 2025 proposal links changes to Medicaid and nutritional programs with the realignment of the Behavioral Health System (BHS) into a standalone department. BHS uses many of the same resources as a hospital, so that BHS and other medical services belong in the same organization.

While the title stresses transformation, this proposal Recommendation b(1) suggests that Behavioral Health Services should be its own department including adjustments to governance, organizational alignment, staffing, and resource deployment “ It would seem that this would entail the use of more resources which could have been used to support Medicare and Nutritional Assistance cuts.

This sounds like a government ploy to set up a new department, perhaps to rehire old friends at a cost, and deny full support to the people who need Medical and CalFresh. I urge you to reject this scheme.

Regards,

Paul Henkin