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Hi Supervisors,

You forgot to mention in the title when when the first reading was.

And what does HHSA have to do with tobacco licensing? The fee is high, but so are the societal costs.

In contrast to previous requests, I see some very generous fee decreases and cancellations at the Public Health Lab.

I am a bit concerned about the 13% private pay rate increase at the Edgemoor Behavioral facility. The Board letter explains an increase is proposed to align with updated full cost recovery information, but does not explain how it aligns with full cost recovery. Besides, I thought the idea of Behavioral Treatment was actual treatment, not Fee increases presumably on patients who will be faced with a fee increase they didn't sign up for when admitted to the hospital.

Cost Recovery tends to favor the rich over lower income people, and can inflame societal tensions.

So, YES to the PHL fee adjustments, but a big NO to the Edgemoor fee increase.

Regards,

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