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Hi Supervisors,

Why do we need a single source contract for behavioral health Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU's) in South County – and only 6 units. It is not a very central location and surely we can do better, like one or two per Sharp hospital. The equity statement says that there are an average of 282 Emergency Dept. visits per week and the South Bay is only the third largest region in overdose deaths in the County. To me this suggests that the need for CSU's is all over the County. 6 beds in Chula Vista is a start, but given the numbers, won't do much. Is there an overall plan or do we pick bit by bit, more or less at random?

We should also have a copy of the contract available to us to make sure that there is no kind of non-competition clause preventing or discouraging other hospitals or clinics from having these services.

The Board Letter also says that the CSU's will be co-located within the Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center emergency department. I hope that the size of the emergency department will be increased and that the other ER patients will not be cramped.

I suggest that the need for these in just this one location be proved.

Respectfully,

Paul Henkin