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SUBJECT: Waiver Programs – Community Health Clinics Status Update

This is an update in response to the Board of Supervisors' request for an off-agenda report during mid-year discussions related to the community health clinics' status in planning and implementation of various programs to expand access to comprehensive primary and preventive care.

Given the one-year extension of 1115 Waiver-related programs by the federal government, we are negotiating amendments with all community clinics to cover the remainder of the fiscal year 2021 (FY21). The Clinic contract amendments are currently in process and are expected to be executed by the middle of February 2021. Contracts will continue with Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI); Gardner Family Health Network (Gardner); Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley (IHC); Ravenswood Family Health Network (Ravenswood); Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (PPMM); Mar Monte Community Clinic (MMCC); School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County (SHC); North East Medical Services (NEMS); and Roots Community Health Center (Roots). We will continue to work collaboratively to maximize the flexibility in the waiver programs and support in areas of COVID – 19 response and education.

Wellness dollars were authorized by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as part of the WPC administrative infrastructure budget for preventative care of persons at risk for COVID-19 in the high-risk populations they serve. A broad list of initiatives was provided to each of the clinic from which they could choose in the first six months of the contract. Due to change in the WPC waiver budget process and the ongoing uncertainty of the full budget approval, not all wellness activities are approved for the next six-month contract period. Agencies are currently completing reports on the Wellness services provided in the first six months of FY 2021 for billing.

Ongoing collaboration with clinic leadership and operations teams is vital for continued success in the waiver and coverage programs supported in our communities by our partner clinics in the community. We continue to strive for streamlined data exchange, local input for care coordination modifications, and implementation of strategies that support the most vulnerable in our communities.

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