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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Funding to Support Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Expansion**

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At the May 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting (Item No. 13), the Board directed Administration to report during the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget process with options for consideration relating to the provision of up to \$3,000,000 on a one-time basis to Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (PPMM) to increase medical and behavioral health treatment capacity, laboratory capacity, and medical staff training. The Revised Recommended Budget includes \$3,000,000 in one-time funding for PPMM for the Board's consideration.

As part of the same May 3, 2022 action, the Board also directed Administration to provide an analysis regarding current State funding opportunities related to reproductive health; confer with PPMM to ensure awareness of all these opportunities; highlight gaps the County can fill to ensure that PPMM can accomplish every area of work detailed in the Board referral (Item No. 13); send a letter of support for Senate Bill 1142; and provide information related to support the County can provide as a teaching hospital from a service perspective. This memo responds to these requests.

**State Funding Opportunities Related to Reproductive Health**

The Governor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 includes a \$125 million Reproductive Health Package that would allow the State to expand access to reproductive health services for Californians as well as individuals who travel here from other states. The package also includes funds to improve clinical infrastructure and expand the reproductive healthcare services workforce. On June 1, 2022, State Legislative leaders, including the Senate and Assembly Budget Committee chairs, announced they had reached an agreement on the Legislative Version of the 2022-23 State Budget, which includes an expansion of the Governor's proposed Reproductive Health Package. Below is a quick summary of these recommended investments. A final budget must be approved by June 15 and sent to the Governor for action.

Governor's Proposed Reproductive Health Package:

- *Covering Uncompensated Care for the Uninsured.* \$40 million in one-time funds available over six years for the Department of Health Care Access and Information to

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award grants to reproductive health care providers to offset the cost of providing care to low- and moderate-income individuals who do not have health care coverage for abortion care services.

- *The California Reproductive Justice & Freedom Fund.* \$15 million in one-time funds for the Department of Public Health to award grants to community-based reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations to conduct medically accurate and culturally competent outreach and education on sexual health and reproductive health issues.
- *Comprehensive Reproductive Rights Website.* \$1 million in one-time funds for the Department of Public Health to develop and maintain a website that provides accurate and updated information to the public on the right to abortion under state law, information about reproductive health care providers, and options for coverage for reproductive health services, including state-funded coverage and programs.
- *Research on the Unmet Needs for Reproductive Health Care Services.* \$1 million in one-time funds for the Department of Public Health to research the unmet needs for access to reproductive health care services.
- *Remove Barriers for Reproductive Health.* The Administration is taking action to increase flexibility for Medi-Cal providers to provide clinically appropriate medication abortion services and make it easier for patients to get the medical care needed for family planning and reproductive health. These actions include the Department of Health Care Services modifying its existing billing requirements to remove requirements for in-person follow up visits and ultrasounds, if not medically necessary. The Administration will also work with the Legislature to reduce barriers to accessing abortion and abortion related services through managed care plans.
- *Invest in Reproductive Health Infrastructure.* \$20 million in one-time funds within the Department of Health Care Access and Information to provide scholarships and loan repayments to a variety of health care provider types that commit to providing reproductive health care services.
- *Fund Improved IT and Security.* \$20 million in one-time funds to the Department of Health Care Access and Information for grants to assist and support reproductive health care facilities in securing their physical and information technology infrastructure and to enhance facility security.
- *Make Health Care More Affordable.* \$20 million for Covered California to support the One-Dollar Premium Subsidy program, which zeros the cost of Covered California consumers for health plans due to federal policy concerning abortion coverage.
- *Provide Coverage for Vaccines to Prevent Cervical Cancer.* \$8 million in funding to add the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) as a covered benefit under the Family PACT program, effective July 1, 2022.

The Legislative Version of the 2022-23 Budget includes the following additional proposals:

- *Workforce Programs.* \$21 million for reproductive health workforce programs at the Department of Health Care Access and Information.
- *Funding for Medi-Cal Providers.* \$15 million ongoing allocation to increase funding for abortion providers serving Medi-Cal recipients.
- *Safe Haven Pilot Program.* \$20 million in one-time funds for a Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program.

- *Recruitment and Retention Resources.* \$20 million in one-time funds for targeted recruitment and retention resources and training programs for health care providers who serve patients at a reproductive health provider location.
- *California Abortion Support Fund.* \$20 million over three years to support the California Abortion Support Fund, which will provide grants for non-profit organizations and health care providers who assist patients with overcoming barriers to abortion care.
- *Title X Planning Grants.* \$10 million in one-time funds to backfill lost federal Title X Family Planning funds.
- *Syphilis Prevention and Control.* \$49 million over three years to support innovative and impactful syphilis and congenital syphilis prevention and control activities.
- *Song-Brown Program.* \$1 million in one-time funding to allow certified midwives to participate in the Song-Brown Program. This program is a health care workforce training initiative that aims to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality primary care education and training in areas of unmet need throughout California.

### **Gaps in Funding**

Per the Board's direction, Administration met with PPMM leadership to discuss State funding opportunities and identify gaps in resources where County funding would be needed to accomplish the goals outlined in the Board referral approved on May 3, 2022. PPMM shared they have been closely tracking State legislation and budget initiatives related to reproductive health. They indicated they that while they anticipate the new proposed State funding will offer valuable investment to help maintain access to reproductive health services, the timing and structure of those dollars would not diminish the funding support needed from the County to accomplish the expansion of services envisioned in the Board's referral and PPMM's April 18, 2022 letter submitted to the Board.

PPMM specified that \$3,000,000 in one-time funding from the County would allow the organization to fill a funding gap and fully accomplish those goals, including helping fund tenant improvements related to the expansion of PPMM's Blossom Hill Health Center and Mar Monte Community Clinic as well as assisting with the cost of laboratory and medical equipment at these two expanded locations. A portion of the funding would also assist Planned Parenthood with one-time start-up costs associated with launching a telehealth behavioral health pilot program to serve sexual and reproductive health patients. PPMM assured the County that all of these one-time dollars would be covering one-time needs so as not to risk the creation of any future operating deficit or reliance on ongoing County funding.

### **Support for SB 1142**

Consistent with the Board's direction, the County has submitted a letter of support (see attached) for Senate Bill 1142, which would establish the Abortion Practical Support Fund to provide grants to California organizations that assist patients in overcoming barriers to abortion through direct, practical, and logistical support. As of June 6, SB 1142 has passed through the Senate and has been referred to two Assembly Committees.

### **Reproductive Health Services at SCVMC**

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospitals and Clinics (SCVMC) provide full spectrum, comprehensive reproductive health services including contraception counseling and management,

family planning, diagnosis and management of ectopic pregnancies, and medical and surgical abortion. Routine contraception counseling and management are provided throughout our health system by primary care providers and obstetricians and gynecologists. SCVMC family planning specialists provide care to medically complex patients, including those referred from community family planning providers.

SCVMC's OB/GYN residency program training curriculum includes a robust reproductive health training schedule. Each resident spends one 4-week rotation block on the family planning rotation in the first and second year of training. During the fourth year of training, residents continue to master family planning skills. In addition, SCVMC family planning physicians provide training to the Stanford Complex Family Planning fellowship program, SCVMC family practice Obstetrics fellows, and O'Connor family practice residents.

In anticipation of the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, SCVMC has begun planning for a potential surge of patients needing family planning services, including abortion. SCVMC will be prepared to scale up services and resources to meet increased patient needs as necessary.

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