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DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

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**SUBJECT: Request for an Extension to Respond to the Mobile Opioid Treatment Clinic Referral**

During the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 2, 2023 (Item No. 17), at the request of Supervisor Lee, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed Administration to provide a report on options to establish a mobile opioid treatment clinic. In addition, Supervisor Chavez requested that Administration explore the braiding of resources and County programs, such as the Public Health Department's mobile vaccination clinic, the utilization of non-emergency ambulance transport, and/or the Valley Homeless Healthcare Program (VHHP).

In order to provide a carefully researched and collaborative response, Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) is respectfully requesting an extension to respond to the referral in September 2023. This additional time is necessary to facilitate partnerships, in depth discussions, and research between various County departments (e.g., Public Health Department, VHHP, Ambulatory Services, the County Health System's Finance Department, and more) to thoroughly explore all available options, resources needed, feasible timelines, and estimated costs. BHSD anticipates returning to the Board in September 2023 to provide options for the deployment of mobile opioid treatment services.

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