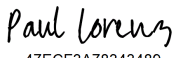




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SUBJECT: Report Back on Expansion of Universal Developmental Screening Initiative to Other Valley Health Centers

At the Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting on January 10, 2023 (Item No. 18), at the request of Supervisor Chavez, the Board directed Santa Clara Valley Healthcare (SCVH) to provide an off-agenda report relating to the expansion of additional SCVH pediatric clinics, including space planning, service requests for proposals, and building the first year of the three-year staffing plan into recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 budget.

UDSI Expansion Efforts at VHC Tully

At the November 17, 2020, Board of Supervisors meeting (Item No.), the Board approved a referral submitted by Supervisor Ellenberg requesting SCVH to expand the pediatric Universal Developmental Screening Initiative (UDSI) to include integrated, trauma-focused behavioral health services through collaboration with UCSF and FIRST 5, and HealthySteps.

While recruitment for a full-time pediatric behaviorist has been ongoing, VHC Tully and Tully Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) has piloted the HealthySteps program by offering team-based medical/behavioral well-child visits on one-half day per week, for children ages 0-3. This new approach has provided a better understanding of the team visits workflow and the dynamics between the medical provider, behavioral health provider, child, and caregiver. Tully PCBH is now able to incrementally expand pediatric behavioral health services to include follow-up visits for those children and families categorized as at-risk during their well-child visit, whereas previously the team was only able to accept referrals for children aged 5 and older.

UDSI Expansion at other VHCs

Although the expansion of UDSI through the adoption of HealthySteps has begun at VHC Tully, additional staffing is needed to allow expansion to continue to additional clinics.

2.0 FTE psychiatric social worker (PSW) II and 2.0 FTE community workers were requested as part of the FY 2023-2024 budget to expand the program to VHC Gilroy and VHC Milpitas.

In the proposed model of care, the PSWs will spend 30% of their time providing Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) billable behavioral health visits; 20% of their time performing administrative functions, such as documentation and training; and the remaining 50% of their time in medical/behavioral team well-child visits that leverage the new Medi-Cal Dyadic Services benefits that allow behavioral health providers to be reimbursed for services provided to caregivers in service of a child.

It is anticipated that each PSW will be able to provide 900 behavioral health patient visits per year for a combined 1,800 visits, in addition to the dyadic team visits. The request to add 2.0 FTE PSW II and 2.0 FTE community workers would increase the payroll budget for SCVH by \$564,652 per year on an ongoing basis, with offsetting revenue once the program in each clinic is fully established. Revenue would typically start 7-8 months after positions are approved, due to time needed for recruitment, hiring, credentialing, and onboarding.

The timing and deliverables of this pediatric expansion may need to be revised based on the final recommendations and approved Budget.

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