

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: December 20, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council;
From: Administration Department
Presentation By: Diana Langley, City Manager

Summary

Subject: Consideration of Letter of Support for Adventist Health's Proposed Project Hope
Recommendation: Consider Adventist Health's request for a Letter of Support for Project Hope and provide direction to the City Manager
Fiscal Impact: Providing a Letter of Support will not create a direct fiscal impact at this time

Purpose:

To hear a presentation from Ashten Phillips, System Director for Adventist Health, regarding Adventist Health and Rideout's proposed Project Hope to be located at the former Fremont Hospital site on Plumas Street in Yuba City.

Council's Strategic Goal:

Revitalization of the former Fremont Hospital site will support Council's overall goal of Quality of Life as well as the specific goal of Public Safety.

Background:

The former Fremont Hospital site, located on Plumas Street north of Highway 20, is owned by Adventist Health and Rideout (Adventist) and has not been in operation since 2017 when the birthing center was moved to Rideout Hospital in Marysville. Since that time, the building has had significant issues with vandalism, individuals breaking into the building, and the overall condition of the building is continuing to decline. Since the closure of the hospital, the constant question from the community has been what is going to happen to the site?

Analysis:

Adventist is proposing a medical campus at the former Fremont Hospital site called "Project Hope" that will provide medically necessary services to the most vulnerable populations in the Yuba-Sutter community. Ashten Phillips, System Director for Adventist Health, will provide a presentation about Project Hope, and is requesting a Letter of Support from the City Council for a grant application that Adventist is preparing. A draft Letter of Support is attached for Council's consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City to submit a Letter of Support. Should Project Hope be approved and implemented, it could provide be a positive fiscal impact to the City.

Alternatives:

1. Do not support the project as currently proposed and work with Adventist to modify the project scope.
2. Do not support the project and decline to submit a Letter of Support.

Recommendation:

Consider Adventist Health's request for a Letter of Support for Project Hope and provide direction to the City Manager.

Attachments:

1. Project Hope - Adventist Health and Rideout
2. Draft Letter of Support

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ATTACHMENT 1

Project Hope Pilot Program

Adventist Health and Rideout is proposing Fremont as the location to stand up a project that will provide a campus style suite of medically necessary services to our most vulnerable populations in the Yuba and Sutter community. The site must be able to sustain multiple beds for an array of different programs and services, along with providing space for significant staffing that will offer wrap around supportive services.

This document will outline all of the services being proposed for this project. Also, outline are the details about CalAIM and BHCIP. CalAIM is a new Managed Medical Benefit covering the Community Support Services highlight below while other the other services proposed through BHCIP are pre-existing reimbursable services.

This initial build, construction, and outfitting of this campus style suite of medically necessary services will be possible through PATH Community Investment dollars and additional braided funding through BHCIP.

CalAIM – What is it

California advancing and Innovating Medical

- Whole Person Care
- SDOH services are now reimbursable through the Managed Medi-Cal Health Plans

Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

- ECM is a whole-person, interdisciplinary approach to care that addresses the clinical and non-clinical needs of Members with the most complex medical and social needs through systematic coordination of services and comprehensive care management that is community based, interdisciplinary, high touch and person centered.

Population of Focus for ECM

- Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorder
- High Utilizers of the Emergency room or In-patient Hospital
- Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

14 Community Support services now reimbursable by Managed Medi-Cal

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Navigation • Housing Tenancy • Housing Deposits • Medically Tailored Meals • Medical Recuperative Care • Medical Respite • Nursing Facility Diversion • Personal Care and Homemaker Services • Asthma Remediation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Term Post Hospitalization Housing • Sobering • Day Habilitation • Home Modification • Nursing Facility Transition |
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Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) launched the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to address historic gaps in the behavioral health and long-term care continuum and meet the growing demand for services and support across the life span of vulnerable individuals in need. Outline below will be the proposed services under BHCIP.

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Project Hope

Adventist Health is leading an initiative to develop a one stop shop campus of medically necessary service where vulnerable individuals can come and receive wrap around services that will improve their quality of life.

Project Hope Mission Statement

Project Hope stands to provide a safe and compassionate place for individuals in medical need and or behavioral health crises to find relief, recuperation, and restoration. Project Hope will do this by offering a comprehensive suite of direct and wrap-around services including Medical services, Behavioral Health Services and Case Management services.

Proposed Components - Project Hope

Medical Recuperative Care – Short-term residential care for individuals who no longer require hospitalization but still need to heal from an injury/illness, including behavioral health conditions

Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing – Provide members who do not have a residence and who have high medical or behavioral health needs with the opportunity to continue their recovery immediately after exiting an inpatient hospital.

Sobering – An alternative destination for individuals who are found to be publicly intoxicated (due to alcohol and/or other drugs) and would otherwise be transported to the emergency department or jail.

Housing Navigation – Assist Members with obtaining housing, assist with identifying, coordinating, securing housing, and provide tenancy and sustaining services, with a goal of maintaining safe and stable tenancy once housing is secured.

Medically Tailored Meals – Meals tailored to specific chronic conditions and health needs to overall improve the health of the client with support from a registered dietitian.

Day Habilitation – Designed to assist a client with acquiring, retaining, and improving self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in the person's environment.

Behavioral Health Urgent Care – Outpatient clinic for individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis and need help. Clinic would provide screenings, assessments, crisis intervention, referrals, and short-term treatment.

Crises Stabilization Unit – Provide services lasting less than 24 hours for a condition that requires a timelier response than a regular scheduled visit. Service include but are not limited to assessment, collateral coordination with other treatment providers, and therapy. Individuals experiencing behavioral health crises can stabilize prior entering either sobering, medical recuperative care, inpatient behavioral health, or other.

Wellness Recovery Center/Temporary Housing – Understanding not all individuals requiring these supportive medical services will qualify or continue to qualify, there will be a component of temporary housing. This will be gender nondiscriminatory, low barrier, and additive to current available shelter beds in the region. These beds will be for those who are most vulnerable and medically unable to return to the streets or to a local shelter due to the need for items such as assisted devices including but not limited to wheelchairs and oxygen. This would be in transition from one of the other services on campus where wrap around services would continue including housing navigation, enhanced care management, and more.

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Supporting Spaces –

- Primary Care Office Space – Ampla, Peach Tree, and Harmony Health will all have space to see their primary care patients in this location.
- Staff Office Space – Space for staff offices
- Private Office Space – Space for 1:1 meetings with Staff or external partners
- Outdoor Area – Green Space
- Common area – Combined area for gathering and connecting with others
- Meeting Space – Conference room space for NA, AA, and or other community support classes or meeting needs.

Community Partners

- The Salvation Army
- Sutter & Yuba HHSD
- Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium
- Local FQHCs
- Law Enforcement
- Managed Medical Health Plan

ATTACHMENT 2

City Council



December 20, 2022

RE: Letter of Support for Project Hope

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Yuba City is pleased to provide this Letter of Support to Adventist Health and Rideout for the development of Project Hope as well as supports Adventist Health in their efforts to pursue grants such as Projects for Assistance in Transitions from Homelessness (PATH) and Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP). The City acknowledges that, although Adventist Health and Rideout is leading the initiative, Project Hope has broad-support from multiple community agencies and stakeholders.

Project Hope will provide much needed services to the most vulnerable members of Yuba City and the surrounding community by offering a safe and compassionate place for individuals with social, clinical, or behavioral health conditions to find relief, recuperation, and restoration in a campus environment. A comprehensive suite of direct and wrap-around services will be provided. These services include Safe Sobering, Medical Recuperative Care, Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing, and Behavioral Health Urgent Care as well as an overnight Wellness Center, Housing Navigation, Day Habilitation, Enhanced Care Management, Peer support/Navigation, and Social Services.

These services will be provided on the campus of the former Fremont Medical Center, located at 970 Plumas Street, Yuba City, CA, 95991. To provide the planned services, the former Fremont Medical Center site will undergo renovations, improvements, and possible demolition of some existing structures on the property.

The City of Yuba City is committed to public safety and to the quality of life for Yuba City Residents. As such, the City of Yuba City acknowledges that its commitment will be further advanced through the development of Project Hope.

Wade Kirchner
Mayor