

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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For the Agenda of:
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Behavioral Health Services

Subject: Behavioral Health Services Report Back From The June 11, 2009 Budget Hearing
Regarding the Diversion Process at the Mental Health Treatment Center

Supervisory
District: All

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BACKGROUND

The Board requested a report back regarding how the Department of Behavioral Health Services is participating in the Diversion Process due to the closure of the Treatment Center.

DISCUSSION

The Department of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) has taken steps to work with community providers, law enforcement, and other health care providers to minimize the impact of the necessary temporary closures to Sacramento County. DBHS held a stakeholder meeting on June 4, 2009 to provide information and receive feedback on these closures. All major hospital organizations (medical and psychiatric), law enforcement representatives and other stakeholders participated in this meeting. Suggestions regarding operational issues during closure were provided and the Treatment Center incorporated these suggestions into its temporary closure protocols.

DBHS Leadership is committed to working with the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California as well as other stakeholders to consider all public and private resources (financial and strategic) that may be brought to bear on the issue. DBHS leadership is planning to attend a meeting as early as next week to discuss strategic planning on the current lack of psychiatric beds in the community and on the almost certain major funding reductions currently working their way through the State budget process that will directly impact the Treatment Center.

With the Treatment Center expected to lose over half of its managed care funding (approximately \$9 million dollars or 26% of its entire proposed budget), DBHS leadership will be planning for the implementation of reduced bed capacity at the Treatment Center. Given the magnitude of the reductions to the Treatment Center budget, it is anticipated that up to half of the current total capacity (50 beds) may need to be reduced in order to make up the shortfall.

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