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Subject: FW: Laguna Honda must not be jeopardized again-File No. 230035 - Hearing - Committee of the Whole -
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023 9:34:58 AM

Hello,

Please see below for communication from Teresa Palmer regarding File No. 230035.

File No. 230035 - Hearing - Committee of the Whole - Laguna Honda Hospital's Strategy for Recertification and the Submission of a Closure and Patient Transfer and Relocation Plan - September 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Our Public Nursing Home Must Not Be Jeopardized Again

To: Board of Supervisors

Copy to: Clerk of the Board-please place in meeting file: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

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Given the dire shortage of nursing home beds in San Francisco, the people of our city must be certain that all beds at Laguna Honda will be there for their use.

Given the sickness and death, and the horrible stress and expense that the situation at LHH has engendered since 2021 and even before, we ask the Board of Supervisors these questions:

1. How to create a system of oversight for LHH so that repeated profound mismanagement does not persist or recur? The Health Commission was not up to this. We would like to hear a plan. There will be ongoing budgetary incentives to cut corners.
2. Shouldn't any nursing home eligible San Francisco resident who has had to leave the county for care have priority for care in SF? Why can't they get priority at LHH?
3. Will admission of acutely behaviorally unstable residents to LHH from ZSFG resume? ("The flow project.") **The only reason to jeopardize LHH's continued existence with these inappropriate admissions is to jettison hard to place people from our county hospital.** This is inhumane to all involved. Better services must be developed, and not at the expense of LHH or of these most vulnerable persons that need treatment and shelter.
4. Has CDPH/State of California clarified how ongoing failure to keep up with LHH problems will be rectified? State of California/CDPH's inability to offer timely feedback about problems at LHH contributed to this mess!
5. Can the Board of Supervisors closely monitor the submission of a waiver to prevent the 120 bed loss; San Franciscans cannot afford to lose these beds!

Thankyou.

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Subject: FW: Laguna Honda Evictions
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023 2:03:52 PM

Hello,

Please see below for communication from Steve Ward regarding File No. 230035.

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From: Steve Ward <seaward94133@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Laguna Honda Evictions

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We demand no bed cuts, no closure and no evictions, reopen admissions, and provide, in safe and appropriate locations, mental health and substance use treatment and supports and home care services to all San Franciscans who need it.

Steve Ward
La Playa Village Council
Outer Sunset

To: San Francisco Supervisors
From: Michael Lyon, San Francisco Gray Panthers
Date: May 10, 2023
Regarding: Laguna Honda Hospital

Supervisors:

You must do everything in your power to

1. Prevent deadly evictions May 19 or any other time
2. Prevent the loss of 120 beds
3. Re-open admissions,
4. Provide mental health and substance use for all who want and need it, and
5. Provide long-term services and supports so more elders and disabled people can stay at home.

Thank you for your interest in Laguna Honda Hospital.

You Supervisors are the ones who are charged with maintaining CMS standards, not only at Laguna Honda, but for ALL Medicare and Medicaid healthcare in the County.

But I have to say that you have been turning over too much of your mandated authority to the Health Commission, and to the Department of Public Health. Four examples

The years-long mismanagement of Laguna Honda, and its being used as an overflow area for San Francisco General, all happened under the Health Commission, an unelected body appointed by, and heavily influenced by mayors.

By law, the Supervisors are supposed to conduct the state-mandated hearings that must be held when health services were cut back. During the years of horrible San Francisco Health budget cuts, all of these hearings were done by the Health Commission, in violation of State law.

, and the Health Commission routinely passed the Mayor's cuts. I sued the City over this violation; it was settled with a City promise to never do it again, yet it has gone on. What will happen about health budget cuts next fiscal year?

There's a cancer epidemic going on in Bayview Hunters Point, one of the most deadly polluted areas in the country, yet the Health Department stopped collecting cancer statistics in that area years ago, and the Health Commission let them get away with it. The racism here is so thick you can cut it with a knife.

And if that weren't enough, the Health Department has a staff person who's actually paid to assure prospective buyers that the new homes in the radioactive areas of the old shipyard are safe. And the Health Commission lets them do that.

You, the Supervisors are responsible for maintaining standards for federally-subsidized healthcare in San Francisco. You must not off-load that responsibility onto a Health Commission that's not answerable to San Francisco's population. The current mess at Laguna Honda is an example of the consequences.