

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0505

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Ms. Cheri Daly, Public Health Analyst  
Bureau of Primary Health Care  
Office of Policy and Program Development  
Human Resources and Services Administration  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Daly:

I write in support for the continuation of Sacramento County's HRSA 330 grantee application, Health Care for the Homeless (HCH). Sacramento County provides primary medical care for a culturally diverse, low income, uninsured and underinsured residents of the Sacramento region.

Sacramento County provides primary medical care at its main site and at the Mercy Loaves and Fishes Clinic, in partnership with Dignity Health Care. The population served is culturally diverse, low income, largely medically indigent with health, behavioral health, and social needs. Additionally, homeless outreach is provided at several sites including a mental health clinic for the homeless, shelters, and Single Room Occupancies (SROs). Women's health services were initiated at the Mercy Loaves Clinic Site last month.

The County is a partner in the Interim Care Program (ICP) which provides services to the homeless needing post hospital care. The ICP is a collaboration of the four local hospital healthcare systems, the County, the Salvation Army, and a local FQHC, The Effort, Inc. This program provides shelter and case management services to homeless residents of Sacramento County who have been discharged from a local hospital and require a stable environment for recuperation.

In addition to being a HRSA 330 grantee, the County is engaged in collaborative health planning efforts with health care stakeholders for health care reform. These include a new program, Low Income Health Program, under the State 1115 Medicaid Waiver for uninsured low income adults and a Medi-Cal Managed Care Stakeholders Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your thoughtful and thorough consideration of Sacramento County's application. I fully support the continuation of their HCH grantee status. Health care services to the homeless population are very important in our community and require the efforts of many health and behavioral health agencies.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI  
Member of Congress