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TO: Each Supervisor
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for Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENTS
FOR HIV/AIDS RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE AND
SKILLED NURSING**

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On February 21, 2006, your Board approved agreements with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and Wells House Hospice Foundation, Inc., for HIV/AIDS residential hospice and skilled nursing services. Your Board also delegated authority to the Director to offer a close-out extension amendment to AHF, if AHF did not sign the new agreement by mid-day on February 24, 2006. AHF declined to sign the new agreement, announced it was closing the Carl Bean facility, but said it would sign the close-out amendment. The close out amendment will be finalized by March 15, 2006.

Staff from OAPP have been working with AHF on the transition of County patients to other facilities. The details of this transition plan were provided to your deputies in a memo from OAPP on March 2, 2006.

As part of the transition process, the Department will be working with the Internal Service Department to process emergency purchase orders to cover the cost of placing County-responsible patients living with HIV/AIDS at five or more appropriate facilities that offer either skilled nursing services or hospice services or both. The term of the purchase orders will be March 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006. No single purchase order will exceed \$100,000.

Meanwhile, OAPP will begin the process to transition to additional Board-approved contracts for HIV/AIDS skilled nursing and hospice services. OAPP previously sent out an RFI from which a number of potential contractors have been identified.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let either of us know.

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