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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.   
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SUBJECT: LAC+USC PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT CONSOLIDATION

This is to update you on the implementation plan for the LAC+USC Psychiatric Inpatient Consolidation from the leased Silver Lake Medical Center, Ingleside Campus (Ingleside) to the Augustus F. Hawkins Comprehensive Mental Health Center (Hawkins) on the MLK Campus. The relocation of offices, staff and patient movement will occur between July 9 -12, 2010 with actual patient transfers on July 12. On March 2, 2010, your Board approved the establishment of Capital Project No. 86974 for Phase II of the Hawkins Inpatient Unit Refurbishment Project which included renovations to Ward E and G. All work on Ward E has been completed allowing for the final transfer of patients from Ingleside.

As part of the planning process, LAC+USC management began implementing census suppression measures on July 1 to reduce the inpatient census at Ingleside in preparation for the transition to the Hawkins facility. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has assisted in prioritizing LAC+USC admissions to private mental health beds during this period. This lower census will require minimal patient movement the day of the transition with a target of no more than fifteen patients. Patient transfers are being coordinated through the Department's Emergency Medical Services Agency utilizing County ambulance personnel and vehicles. LAC+USC psychiatric service staff were provided advanced written notification of a change in work location according to County policy.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) received the Certificate of Occupancy from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) for Ward E on June 21. On July 7, the California Department of Public Health approved the physical plant for Ward E as well as the consolidation and patient transfer plans. Lease termination notification was provided to Silver Lake Medical Center on May 17 pursuant to the lease agreement provisions. The beds at Ingleside will be removed from the LAC+USC Hospital license.

Renovation work on Ward G will begin following relocation of current DMH functions to other areas of Hawkins and plan approval by OSHPD.



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DPW is targeting early 2011 for renovations to begin with completion approximately six months thereafter.

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