

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Advancing Behavioral Health Care at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

At a time when the United States is experiencing a severe youth mental health crisis, there is also a persistent shortage of behavioral health services for children and youth, both locally and nationwide. Access to behavioral health services for Medi-Cal enrolled or eligible children and youth is particularly limited, due in part to a lack of providers with expertise in children, confusion regarding the eligibility for mild/moderate versus specialty mental health services, the complex intersection between medical conditions and behavioral health conditions in children, and perceived stigma related to seeking mental health services. One model that is proven to effectively support children with behavioral health needs involves early intervention through a multi-disciplinary team with the cultural alignment and professional capacity to sort out the nuances of each child's needs. The Los Angeles (LA) County Department of Health Services (DHS) has implemented this multi-disciplinary model of care to serve some of its youngest and most vulnerable children.

Launched in 2020, the Strong, Healthy, And Resilient Kids (SHARK) Clinic provides

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culturally informed care for children and youth ages 0 to 21 who have experienced pediatric adversity and/or behavioral, developmental, and complex medical needs that put them at high risk for poor mental and physical health outcomes. The program is housed at the DHS Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLA). Children are referred from every region in LA County to the SHARK program because their primary care providers have been unable to manage their mental and behavioral health needs through normal referral channels – these are kids who get stuck in the gray zone between mild/moderate and severe mental health needs. Children are evaluated and managed by SHARK's multi-disciplinary team and supported with bridge therapy and case management services. Since its launch in 2020, SHARK has processed more than 950 referrals, with an increase in referrals each month. The majority of referrals were for children with behavioral health needs, including psychiatry, school district assessments for services, and PTSD treatment. The majority of children referred to the SHARK Clinic fall into the 4–8-year-old age group, and greater than 75% of patients served are Black or Latinx.

The SHARK program is currently operating out of a temporary space on the RLA campus located in the Diagnostic Services Clinic in the Outpatient Building, but there is an opportunity to move the program to a larger, more appropriate clinical space on the RLA campus. On September 27, 2022, DHS was awarded funding from the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 4 Launch Ready Grants, which will allow the relocation of the clinic to a permanent, family-centered, culturally responsive

clinical space on the first floor of Building 100 on the RLA campus, which has been vacant for three years. Using the BHCHIP dollars, the 4,500 square foot area would be remodeled to provide a dedicated reception area, staff offices, restrooms, and meeting rooms as well as patient consulting and exam rooms in a space that was formerly used as a primary care clinic for adults. This space would enable the multidisciplinary behavioral team to co-locate so they can better coordinate services for this vulnerable population. Additionally, the new space would expand program access, with an anticipated 1,600 additional pediatric patient visits to the SHARK clinic after relocation.

Design for the proposed project has been completed, and action from the Board of Supervisors is necessary to approve the project and establish the necessary fiscal actions to support the BHCIP grant process. The amount granted to DHS from the BHCIP grant for this proposed project was \$4,194,700. County grant applicants are also required to provide ten percent of the BHCIP grant award, excluding contingencies and other project costs, as matching funds for the project. DHS determined it would pledge cash as the match requirement. The proposed project would be carried out by Board-approved Job Order Contracts (JOCs), and the value of the demolition and construction phase will not exceed the maximum allowable JOC contract value of \$6,200,000. The remodeling work, which is scheduled to start in August 2026, will be closely coordinated with RLA operations to ensure patient care is not impacted. The proposed project is anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2027. The Board of Supervisors should take the necessary action to allow this project to move forward swiftly so more children in need can access

the SHARK program.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed Strong, Healthy, And Resilient Kids (SHARK) Clinic Remodel Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the project provides for repair, refurbishment, replacement and minor alterations of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use and where replacement features will have the same purpose and capacity. The clinic renovation project is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a), (d), and (l); and 15302 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c), (d), (l), and 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Additionally, the proposed project will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, there are no cumulative impacts, no unusual circumstances, no damage to scenic highways, not included on a listing of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, and no indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the records of proposed projects. Upon the Board's approval of the projects and related actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the County Clerk and with the State Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the Notices to Public Works' website pursuant to Section 21092.2.
2. Establish and approve the Rancho Los Amigos (RLA) SHARK Clinic Remodel

Project, Capital Project No. 8A183, with a total project budget of \$4,548,000.

3. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 appropriation adjustment (Enclosure B) in the amount of \$4,548,000 to fully fund the project. Funding sources consist of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant in the amount of \$4,194,000, the use of obligated fund balance – Committed for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, and the DHS match in the amount of \$354,000 from RLA's Enterprise Fund for the proposed SHARK Clinic Remodel Project, Capital Project No. 8A183.
4. Authorize DHS to set up an Individual Development Bank Account jointly with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., BHCIP grant and fiscal administrator.
5. Authorize DHS to make the necessary accounting transactions to initially transfer \$354,000 cash from DHS Designation to the AHP designated Match Funds bank account to fulfill the ten percent grant requirement from the County.
6. Authorize DHS to designate three personnel to function as the Individual Development Bank Account Principals: authorize the first Individual Development Bank Account Principal to request funding from the Individual Development Bank Account, the second Individual Development Bank Account Principal to approve funding payments, and the third Individual Development Bank Account Principal to send the payments from the Individual Development Bank Account to Capital Project No. 8A183 for reimbursement.
7. Authorize DHS to execute periodic accounting transactions to draw down the grant funds and DHS match from the Individual Development Bank Account as actual expenditures are incurred by the capital projects and approved for reimbursement by Advocates for Human Potential.

8. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the RLA SHARK Clinic Project using a Board-approved Job Order Contract.

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May 12, 2026

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2025-26

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SOURCES

USES

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SOURCES TOTAL \$ 5,964,000

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JUSTIFICATION

This budget adjustment of \$4,548,000 is necessary to fund Capital Project No. 8A183, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, the Strong, Healthy, And Resilient Kids Clinic Renovation Project, funded by the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program grant, the use of obligated fund balance – Committed for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, and 10% match from Department of Health Services for anticipated expenditures in FY 2025-26.

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JEAN LO, CHIEF, CONTROLLER'S DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

FY 2025-26
4 - VOTES

SOURCES	USES
<p>DHS ENTERPRISE FUND MN2-3081 COMMITTED FOR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CTR DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE 708,000</p>	<p>DHS ENTERPRISE FUND MN2-HS-6100-60070 OTHER FINANCING USES INCREASE APPROPRIATION 708,000</p>
<p>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHAB. CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND MN7-HR-96-9911-60040 OPERATING TRANSFERS IN INCREASE REVENUE 708,000</p>	<p>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHAB. CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND MN7-HR-5500-60040 OTHER CHARGES INCREASE APPROPRIATION 354,000</p>
<p>ENT SUB - RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER A01-AC-6100-21200-21230 OTHER FINANCING USES DECREASE APPROPRIATION 354,000</p>	<p>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHAB. CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND MN7-HR-96-9912-60040 OPERATING SUBSIDY - GENERAL FUND DECREASE REVENUE 354,000</p>
<p>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER RLANRC SHARK CLINIC RENOVATION PROJECT A01-CP-88-882D-64025-8A183 STATE-BEHAVIORAL HLTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PRGM-CAP PROJ INCREASE REVENUE 4,194,000</p>	<p>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER RLANRC SHARK CLINIC RENOVATION PROJECT A01-CP-6014-64025-8A183 CAPITAL ASSETS - B & I INCREASE APPROPRIATION 4,548,000</p>
<p>SOURCES TOTAL \$ 5,964,000</p>	<p>USES TOTAL \$ 5,964,000</p>

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