

Testimony Notes for Supervisor Provenza

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Capital**

TOPIC: Discussion and Oversight of Administration's Transition Plan for Adult Day Health Care Services

Implications of proposed elimination of ADHC with no appropriate community based care in Yolo County and an insufficient transition plan:

1. It is clear by looking at the transition plan, that the level of acuity of this population is not understood. At our Center, Yolo Adult Day Health Center, the average number of chronic medical diagnoses is 6 and the average number of medications taken up to three times a day is 10. It is hard to understand the valuable role of care coordination when the community lacks the care services to coordinate
2. There is no comparable medically-based long term care service to Adult Day Health Care except for a nursing home in Yolo County or any other county in this state. In Home Support Services (IHSS) case loads have been increasing with no increase in funds.
3. Adult Protective Services is running extremely thin with only 2 case workers for over 700 open cases in Yolo County.
4. Frail adults in a rural county struggle with access to services due to limitations posed by transportation options and accessibility due to disability.
5. More at-risk elderly and disabled alone or unattended in their residence will increase local costs to fire and rescue.
A 10 day "spot check" of 911 calls to the elderly shows the following costs:
 - \$500-\$700 for medical aid response without transportation (personnel rates and mileage—not charged to patient, cost to city)
 - Additional \$1500 for transport and up to \$2500 for Advanced Life support with transport—charged to patient or patient insurance
 - 10 day period in late July calls for medical aid:
 - 1- # medical aid calls: **82** (Over 8X/day)
 - 2- # medical aid calls, confirmed as elderly (>65 years): **33** (Over 3X/day, or 40.24% of all medical aids during the sample period)
 - 3- # medical aid calls, confirmed as lift assist for elderly: **13** (Over 1X/day, or 39.39% of elderly patient medical aids during the sample period were lift assists)
 - 4- After Lift assist, top primary complaints were: lacerations due to falls; difficulty breathing; chest pain

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