

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Mather Community Campus: Ways To Increase Cash Flow
And Maintain Program Integrity And Community Commitments

Supervisory
District: All

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BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2009 Budget Workshop, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about proposed reductions in the department to meet Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund allocation targets. During the workshop, the Board of Supervisors requested information about possible alternative cash flow opportunities for the Mather Community Campus (MCC). Specifically, the Board expressed concern that the proposed elimination of the Mather Children's Services Program would negatively impact the overall integrity of MCC and the commitments that were made to MCC community partners and funders when MCC was developed.

DISCUSSION

County Fiscal and Economic Development staff are exploring alternative cash flow opportunities that might be available to augment funding at MCC. In addition, Mather staff have been, and are continuing to, explore alternative funding for Campus programs, including a child care center that would generate income through private pay consumers, and other revenue enterprises, such as a food training and production enterprise at the Mather kitchen and dining room.

DHA management carefully considered the efficacy and integrity of MCC in its budget reduction proposals, as well as its agreements with funders and community partners. Ultimately, the MCC Children's Services Program was proposed for reduction because the Mather Children's Services Program, unlike Mather housing and employment services, was considered a "complimentary service" at Mather's inception, not one of the core services originally offered or funded.

In addition, MCC agreements with community partners emphasize campus and community safety, and continue to include:

- Routine drug testing of MCC residents
- Resident pre-screening (includes a background check)
- Routine maintenance of the property, buildings and equipment

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- Case Management and Supportive Services (includes 24/7 oversight and security)
DHA executive staff and Mather Community Campus management and staff will continue to explore ways to create funding opportunities for the Mather Campus, so that MCC residents will be able to fully benefit from a transitional housing program that is able to offer a full range of services. In addition, every effort will be made to maintain and monitor the community and partnerships and agreements that are central to the continued success of the Mather Community Campus and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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